

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION**

RICHARD YANG,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	No. 1:12CV92 SNLJ
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MISSOURI DEPT. OF CORR., et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff’s motion for appointment of counsel. The motion will be denied.

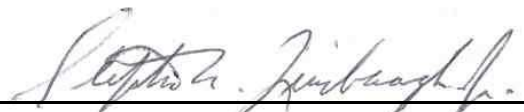
There is no constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel in civil cases. Nelson v. Redfield Lithograph Printing, 728 F.2d 1003, 1004 (8th Cir. 1984). In determining whether to appoint counsel, the Court considers several factors, including (1) whether the plaintiff has presented non-frivolous allegations supporting his or her prayer for relief; (2) whether the plaintiff will substantially benefit from the appointment of counsel; (3) whether there is a need to further investigate and present the facts related to the plaintiff’s allegations; and (4) whether the factual and legal issues presented by the action are complex. See Johnson v. Williams, 788 F.2d 1319, 1322-23 (8th Cir. 1986); Nelson, 728 F.2d at 1005.

After considering these factors, the Court finds that the facts and legal issues involved in this civil rights litigation are not so complicated that the appointment of counsel is warranted at this time. Moreover, plaintiff has filed a multitude of pleadings before this Court that have so far been thoughtful and articulate. Despite his assertions to the contrary, he appears fully competent to litigate his case at this time. Last, it does not appear that discovery will be complex in nature nor include complex outside investigations.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel [Doc. #15] is **DENIED**.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2013.



STEPHEN N. LIMBAUGH, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE