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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

DALE EUGENE HOLCOMB,  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
ANTHONY M. SCILLIA, et al.,  
Respondents.

Case No. 2:10-CV-02015-PMP-(RJJ)

**ORDER**

Petitioner has submitted a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (#1). The court has reviewed it pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts, and the court will serve the petition upon respondents for a response.

Petitioner has submitted a motion for appointment of counsel (#2). Whenever the Court determines that the interests of justice so require, counsel may be appointed to any financially eligible person who is seeking habeas corpus relief. 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B). “[T]he district court must evaluate the likelihood of success on the merits as well as the ability of the petitioner to articulate his claims pro se in light of the complexity of the legal issues involved.” Weygandt v. Look, 718 F.2d 952 (9th Cir. 1983). There is no constitutional right to counsel in federal habeas proceedings. McCleskey v. Zant, 499 U.S. 467, 495 (1991). The factors to consider are not separate from the underlying claims, but are intrinsically enmeshed with them. Weygandt, 718 F.2d at 954. After reviewing the petition, the court finds that appointment of counsel is not warranted.

