

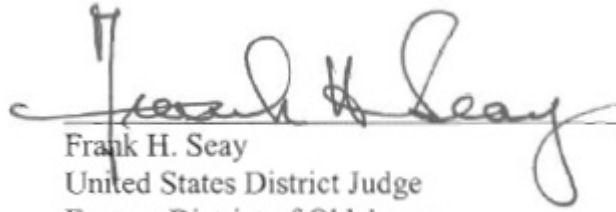
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

JOEL W. ALLEN,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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vs.)	CIV-08-334-FHS
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LYNETTE LEE, DWIGHT ADAMS, ET. AL.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

OPINION AND ORDER
DENYING RENEWED MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

Plaintiff has filed a renewed motion requesting the court to appoint counsel [Docket No. 25]. He bears the burden of convincing the court that his claim has sufficient merit to warrant appointment of counsel. McCarthy v. Weinberg, 753 F.2d 836, 838 (10th Cir. 1985) (citing United States v. Masters, 484 F.2d 1251, 1253 (10th Cir. 1973)). The court has carefully reviewed the merits of plaintiff's claims, the nature of factual issues raised in his allegations, and his ability to investigate crucial facts. McCarthy, 753 F.2d at 838 (citing Maclin v. Freake, 650 F.2d 885, 887-88 (7th Cir. 1981)). After considering plaintiff's ability to present his claims and the complexity of the legal issues raised by the claims, the court finds that appointment of counsel is not warranted. See Williams v. Meese, 926 F.2d 994, 996 (10th Cir. 1991); see also Rucks v. Boergermann, 57 F.3d 978, 979 (10th Cir. 1995). ACCORDINGLY, plaintiff's renewed motion for appointment of counsel [Docket No. 25] is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 29th day of January, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank H. Seay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent vertical stroke on the left side.

Frank H. Seay
United States District Judge
Eastern District of Oklahoma