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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
7 AT SEATTLE

8 TRAVIS CLINTON COLEMAN ,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 C. MERRITT, et al.,

12 Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:24-cv-01566-JCC-BAT

**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S  
SECOND MOTION FOR COUNSEL,  
DKT. 24.**

13 Plaintiff has filed a second motion for appointment of counsel, requesting the Court  
14 appoint counsel on the grounds (1) his jail custody limits his ability to litigate his case; (2) his  
15 case is complex and he has limited law library access; (3) a lawyer could more effectively  
16 present his case; (4) no lawyer has agreed to represent plaintiff; and (5) he has no idea of how to  
17 admit certain evidence. Dkt. 24.

18 As the Court indicated in its first order denying appointment of counsel, Plaintiff's case  
19 does not involve exceptional circumstances in that Plaintiff has been able to articulate his claims;  
20 and his claims are straightforward—he alleges Defendants assaulted and injured him and he was  
21 denied medical care for the injuries he suffered. Plaintiff has thus far been able to articulate and  
22 litigate his case, and the reasons he gives for appointment of counsel apply in virtually every  
23 case brought by a person in detention and are thus common not exceptional.

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The Court accordingly ORDERS:

- (1) Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel, Dkt. 24 is DENIED.
- (2) The Clerk shall provide copies of this order to the parties.

DATED this 9th day of December, 2024.

  
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BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA  
United States Magistrate Judge