

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

CHRISTOPHER MILLER,

CASE NO. C16-5891 BHS

Plaintiff,

**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S  
MOTION FOR  
RECONSIDERATION**

MARGARET GILBERT, et al.,

## Defendants.

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Christopher Miller's ("Miller")

motion for reconsideration. Dkt. 148.

On April 29, 2019, the Court denied Miller's motion to appoint counsel. Dkt. 145.

In that order, the Court informed Miller that it sent multiple requests to the pro bono

panel after appointed counsel withdrew. *Id.* No attorney, however, volunteered to

represent Miller so the Court denied Miller's motion to appoint counsel. *Id.* On M

2019, Miller filed the instant motion requesting reconsideration. Dkt. 148. Miller states

that he is having difficulty litigating this matter by himself and respectfully asks for

placement back on the pre-bone panel. *Id.*

1 Because no attorney volunteered to represent Miller, the Court's only option  
2 would be to force an attorney to represent Miller. At this point, the Court declines to  
3 impose such an obligation on an attorney in this civil suit for damages. If Miller finds an  
4 attorney to represent him, the Court will favorably consider an appointment of that  
5 attorney. Regarding the merits of the instant motion, the Court **DENIES** the motion  
6 because it is not error to deny a motion to appoint when no attorney volunteers for such  
7 an appointment.

8 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

9 Dated this 3rd day of June, 2019.

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13 BENJAMIN H. SETTLE  
14 United States District Judge  
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