

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Page v. Wallace

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OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 11 SAMMIE L. PAGE, Case No. 1:25-cv-00718-JLT-SKO (HC) 12 Petitioner, ORDER
DENYING MOTION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

13 v. [Docs. 3, 12]

14 JANINE WALLACE,

15 Respondent. 16

17 Petitioner has requested the appointment of counsel. There currently exists no absolute 18 right
to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See, e.g., *Anderson v. Heinze*, 258 F.2d 19 479,
481 (9th Cir. 1958); *Mitchell v. Wyrick*, 727 F.2d 773, 774 (8th Cir. 1984). However, Title 20 18
U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B) authorizes the appointment of counsel at any stage of the case if "the 21
interests of justice so require." See Rule 8(c), Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. In the 22
present case, the Court does not find that the interests of justice require the appointment of 23
counsel at the present time. 24 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner's requests
for appointment of 25 counsel are DENIED. 26 IT IS SO ORDERED. 27 Dated: August 4, 2025
/s/ Sheila K. Oberto .

1 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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