

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

JOSEPH D. FECHT,

Petitioner,

v.

JEFFREY PUGH,

Respondent.

ORDER

11-cv-352-wmc

Joseph D. Fecht, an inmate at the Stanley Correctional Institution, has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. On June 8, 2011, the court issued an order to show cause in this case and stayed petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel. The response has been filed and petitioner renews his motion for appointment of counsel, dkt. #13.

Under 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(2)(B), a district court may appoint counsel to represent an indigent petitioner seeking relief under § 2254 if the court determines that "the interests of justice so require." Petitioner claims that his counsel abandoned him on direct appeal. At this stage, the court cannot conclude that petitioner requires legal assistance. He should be able to present his argument to the court in written form. Because the interests of justice do not require appointment of counsel in this case, petitioner's renewed motion for appointment of counsel will be denied.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel, dkt. 13, is DENIED.

Entered this 29th day of July, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge