

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
 MIDDLE DIVISION**

GARY WAYNE WRIGHT, II,	}	
	}	
Plaintiff,	}	
	}	
v.	}	Case No.: 4:22-CV-615-RDP
	}	
MARSHALL COUNTY ALABAMA, et	}	
al.,	}	
	}	
Defendants.	}	


ORDER

Before the court is Plaintiff’s Motion for Reconsideration (Doc. # 20) of the court’s Order denying his request for the appointment of an attorney in this civil action. (Doc. # 10).

“A plaintiff in a civil case has no constitutional right to counsel.” *Bass v. Perrin*, 170 F.3d 1312, 1320 (11th Cir. 1999). It is within the court’s discretion to appoint counsel for civil plaintiffs unable to retain an attorney on their own, but appointment is appropriate “only in exceptional circumstances.” *Id.* These exceptional circumstances exist “where the facts and legal issues are so novel or complex as to require the assistance of a trained practitioner.” *Fowler v. Jones*, 899 F.2d 1088, 1096 (11th Cir. 1990). Those exceptional circumstance are not present in this case. Moreover, according to Plaintiff’s Complaint, he has experience with the legal system. (Doc. # 1 at ¶ 23 (“Wright was one of the named Alabama marriage equality plaintiffs (*Strawser v. Strange*) who successfully won a permanent injunction for previous violations of his constitutional rights by Marshall County”). Therefore, Plaintiff is not entitled to appointed counsel.

Accordingly, Plaintiff’s Motion for Reconsideration (Doc. # 20) is **DENIED**. Plaintiff is encouraged to seek counsel to represent him in this matter, but otherwise **SHALL** proceed with the prosecution of this case in the manner it was filed, *pro se*.

DONE and **ORDERED** this October 13, 2022.



R. DAVID PROCTOR
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE