

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

INSTRUCTIONS for Form 24. Motion for Appointment of Counsel

Use Form 24 if you do not have a lawyer and want the court to appoint a lawyer for you. You do not have to use Form 24. You may write your own motion instead.

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