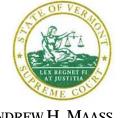
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## CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 17.022

This Complaint stems from dissatisfaction with the outcome of a formal hearing for admittance to the Vermont Bar. Complainant alleges the decision written after the formal hearing contained "false statements." The Vermont Supreme Court adopted the decision in whole as a published decision. If founded, these claims would be a violation of Canon 3(B)(5): A judge shall perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice, and/or Canon 3(B)(8): A judge shall dispose of all judicial matters promptly, efficiently and fairly.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry, including review of the Complaint, the decisions in the matter, testimony before the Judicial Retention committee, the Vermont Supreme Court decision and the Judge's written response. To the extent the Complaint alleges ethical impropriety or a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, the Board has determined that the Complaint is unfounded and there is no cause for further proceedings. *Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*, Rule 11.

Accordingly, the Complaint in Docket No. 17.022 is DISMISSED.

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