

# JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD



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## CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 19.005

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This Complaint is the result of a criminal defendant disagreeing with rulings the Judge made regarding legal representation, and included allegations of discourteous comments to, and about the Complainant.

Disagreement with rulings is a matter for an appellate court, not this Board. **Rule 6(17) of the Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges states:**

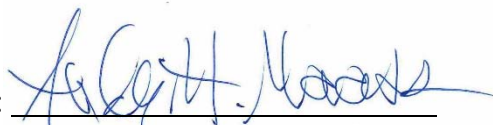
The Board shall not function as an appellate court to review the decisions of a court or judge nor exercise superintending or administrative control over determinations of courts or judges.

If founded, the allegations of discourteous comments could be in violation of Canon 3B(4) (2012): "A judge should be patient, dignified and courteous to litigants..."

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including a thorough review of the audio from all hearings. 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. 19.005 is DISMISSED.

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By:   
Andrew H. Maass, Chair