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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 19.010

This Complaint is the result of two different family court cases and hearings and contained allegations of indifference to circumstances regarding the parties at the hearing before the Judge and disagreement with rulings the Judge made.

Disagreement with rulings are matters 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.

The Complaint asked the Board to review the audio of each of the hearings, to listen to the Judge's "tone of voice." The Board did review all of the audio of the hearings in the two cases complained of, but found no comments or "tone" that would be in violation of any Canon.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry. 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. 19.010 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Andrew H. Maass, Chair