

# JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

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## CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 19.023

This Complaint is the result of a matter where Complainant believed the Judge should have recused from the case due to a belief that the Judge was a family friend of the opposing party.

If true, this would be a violation of Canon 2, Rule 2.2, 2.4, and/or Rule 2.11

Canon 2, Rule 2.2: "A judge shall uphold and apply the law and shall perform all duties of judicial office fairly and impartially."

Canon 2, Rule 2.4: "A judge shall not permit family, social, political, financial, or other interests or relationships to influence the judge's judicial conduct or judgment."


Canon 2, Rule 2.11: "A judge shall disqualify himself or herself in any proceeding in which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned . . . ."

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including a review of the docket entries in the matter, listening to the audio of the hearings held and reviewing the response of the Judge. No evidence of the Judge's purported friendship with the opposing party was found.

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. 19.023 is DISMISSED.

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By:   
Andrew H. Maass, Chair