

# JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD



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## CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 20.001

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This Complaint is the result of a difficult divorce and child custody proceeding. Complaints included claims of differential treatment due to being a *pro se* litigant, collusion between judges, and mistreatment of the Complainant.

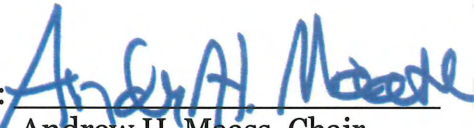
If the allegations were found to have merit, this could be a violation of Vt. A.O. 10 Canon 2 (2012) (A judge should respect and comply with the law and shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary).

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including listening to the entirety of the six hearings held in this case and review of the docket and orders entered. The Board found the judges to be patient educators, and attempting to give Complainant the knowledge of the rules of the Court and Court proceedings.

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. 20.001 is DISMISSED.

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By:   
Andrew H. Maass, Chair