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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 20.016

This Complaint is the result of a matter in which the Complainant felt the Judge was biased against Complainant, due to rulings against Complainant, and included allegations of bullying by the Judge. In addition, the Complainant was dissatisfied with the outcome of the litigation, which is a matter for an appellate court, not this Board.

Rule 6(17) of the Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges states:

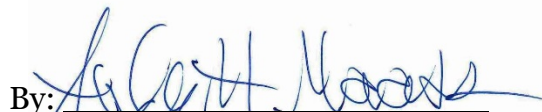
The Board shall not function as an appellate court to review the decisions of a court or judge nor exercise superintending or administrative control over determinations of courts or judges.

The Rules of the Judicial Conduct Board were sent to the Complainant, along with giving the Complainant 30 days to supplement the Complaint with specific allegations of bias, other than rulings against Complainant, and asking for dates of hearings where the allegations of "bullying" took place, and any other issues under the Board's jurisdiction, but Complainant failed to do so.

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. 20.016 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Andrew H. Maass, Chair