## JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

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## CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 21.012

This Complaint contained allegations of bias against the Complainant by the Case Manager in a family court matter. These allegations could be a violation of Canon 2, Rule 2.12 to "require court staff, court officials, and others subject to the judge's direction and control to act in a manner consistent with the judge's obligations under this Code." The Board requested additional information from the Complainant, and twice gave the Complainant more than 30 days to supplement the Complaint with specific allegations 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. 21.012 is DISMISSED.

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By: Barbara R. Blackman, Chair