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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 22.027

This Complaint contains allegations of disability discrimination in a hearing regarding Complainant's difficulties in testifying.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry, including listening to the audio of the hearing at issue. These allegations could potentially be violations of Canon 2, Rule 2.6(A), which states:

A judge shall accord to every person who has a legal interest in a proceeding, or that person's lawyer, the right to be heard according to law.

The Board reviewed the docket and listened to the hearing at issue and found that counsel stated that Complainant did not wish to testify and explained why, and the Judge stated that it was Complainant's decision on whether or not to testify, no other concerns were brought by Complainant's counsel or Complainant regarding any testimony that was needed from Complainant.

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*, Rules 6(17) & 7(1)

Accordingly, the Complaint in Docket No. 22.027 is dismissed.

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By: 
Barbara R. Blackman, Chair