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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 22.035

This Complaint is the result of protracted and contentious family court matters and alleges bias on the part of the judge.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry consisting of a review of the docket, orders, and review of the audio of the hearings held. The Board found that 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.

To the extent the Complaint alleges ethical impropriety or a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Therefore, the Board has determined that the Complaint falls outside of the Board's jurisdiction, 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. 22.035 is DISMISSED.

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By: 

Barbara R. Blackman, Chair