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## Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 12.007

This Complaint is the result of the outcome of a civil trial which resulted from a claim Complainant brought against his neighbors alleging that odor from their slaughterhouse was adversely affecting Complainant's mental health. Allegations of judicial misconduct included judicial bias based in part on the observation that the judge, like various environmental enforcement officers involved in the case, were all Vermont State employees; additional allegations were made of ineffective counsel. Allegations of lawyer misconduct do not fall under the jurisdiction of this Board.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry and determined the Complaint is unfounded and there is no cause for further proceedings. *Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*, Rule 7(1). *Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*, Rule 7(1).

The Complaint in Docket No. 12.007 is DISMISSED.

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