

# JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

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## CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 19.018

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This Complaint is the result of a Probate proceeding with allegations that the Judge was biased against Complainant with a request the Judge recuse from the case.

The Rules of the Judicial Conduct Board were sent to the Complainant, explaining that the Board cannot intervene in an ongoing court matter, and that Complainant's disagreement with the rulings in the case were matters for appeal, not for this Board under Rule 6(17 of the Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges. The Board also requested specific details of the bias allegations and gave the Complainant 30 days to supplement the Complaint 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. 19.018 is DISMISSED.

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By:   
Andrew H. Maass, Chair