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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 21.011

This Complaint is the result of a guardianship proceeding where the Complainant alleged the Judge discriminated against some parties, made an error on a deadline in the case, and disconnected parties from a remote hearing without warning.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry, including review of the docket activity, and review of the audio of the hearings in question. The Board concluded that there was no evidence to support a claim of discrimination, that the Judge provided several warnings about disruptive behavior before disconnecting the disruptive parties, and conducted the hearing fairly, impartially, courteously and competently.

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. 21.011 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Barbara R. Blackman, Chair