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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 21.017

This Complaint is the result of a long-running civil case that was also the subject of a similar Judicial Conduct Board Complaint in 2018.

The allegations again included bias and retaliation by the Judge. If founded, these allegations would be violations of Canon 3B(5) "A judge shall perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice; 3B(4): "A judge should be patient, dignified and courteous to litigants...";

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including extensive review of the docket in this matter, listening to the audio of hearings held, and review of a response by the judge. 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. 21.017 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Barbara R. Blackman, Chair