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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 22.015-A

This Complaint alleges misconduct against a Judge in a family court matter where the named Judge last entered an order or presided over the case in March of 2019 and expressed dissatisfaction with the results of the litigation.

Rule 6(18) of the Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges states:

Except when the Board determines otherwise for good cause, the Board shall not deal with complaints arising out of acts or omissions discovered by the complainant more than **three years prior** to the date of the complaint.

The rulings in the case complained of were entered in March of 2019, beyond the time stated in the Rules. In addition, the Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry, including a thorough review of all of the Complainant's filings and the docket history of the underlying litigation. The Board found that the Complaint and the other materials submitted by the Complainant did not support or allege violations of any Canon of the Code of Judicial Conduct, but instead raised appellate issues. 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. 22.015-A is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Barbara R. Blackman, Chair