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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 22.033

This Complaint contained allegations that the Judge in a probate matter failed to disclose conflicts of interest and to recuse based on those conflicts; ignored an alleged conflict of interest between the heirs and the administrator's attorney; improperly appointed the initial administrator in the probate proceeding opened by the complainant after the death of complainant's mother; did not exercise appropriate diligence in issuing a license to sell during the proceeding; and failed to act in response to allegations by the complainant against the administrator and counsel.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an Initial Inquiry, including a thorough review of all filings in the case, conducted an analysis of the allegations and found no ethical impropriety or violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

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*, Rules 6(17) & 7(1).

Accordingly, the Complaint in Docket No. 22.033 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Barbara R. Blackman, Chair