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## Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 16.003

This Complaint came before the Board as Complainant was unhappy with the way the Judge handled a foreclosure action. Complainant alleged the Judge should have been recused and was not, although there is no indication that a recusal motion was ever filed. Complainant also raises appellate issues regarding the merits of the Court's rulings.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry which revealed that the respondent Judge is only one of several to sit on this matter involving the pro se Complainant, and one of several who have issued rulings adverse to Complainant. Moreover, there is nothing inherently improper with the same judge sitting in different divisions of the superior court (civil, family and criminal). 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.

The Complaint in Docket No. 16.003 is DISMISSED.

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