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**In re: Honorable William Cobb****Docket No. 20.005**

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**STIPULATED PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITH ORDER**

Based on the stipulation of the parties which Judge William Cobb is not contesting, the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board finds that there is clear and convincing evidence that Judge Cobb, while part-time Probate Judge for Caledonia County, violated Rule 1.2 and 1.3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct for the reasons set forth in the Stipulated Formal Complaint and incorporated herein. Based on these findings, the Board issues this Public Reprimand to Judge Cobb for violating Rules 1.2 and 1.3 of the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct.

In addition, Judge Cobb acknowledges that he used his position as Probate Judge within the Caledonia Unit to gain advantage for his clients in the same unit where he served as their attorney.

It is a further requirement of this resolution that Judge Cobb enter into a mentoring relationship with a part-time probate judge. Judge Cobb is to confer with his mentoring judge for twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of this Stipulated Public Reprimand whenever accepting engagement for a private client that would require entering his appearance in any division of the Caledonia Superior Court and when confronted with any other issue that may potentially involve a question or violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

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This decision with Public Reprimand is final, subject to review by the Vermont Supreme Court under Rules 10(3) and 12(3) of the Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges.

**SO ORDERED:**

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By:   
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Barbara R. Blackman, Chair

Dated: 5/25/21

UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED:

  
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Honorable William Cobb

Dated: 5/12/21