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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 19.013

This Complaint is the result of a criminal matter where the Complainant was unhappy with appointed counsel and communications with appointed counsel leading to delays and missed hearings. Complainant was directed as to the proper venue to make complaints against attorneys.

In addition, Complainant was dissatisfied with the pace and outcome of the litigation, which is a matter for an appellate court, not this Board. **Rule 6(17) of the Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges states:**

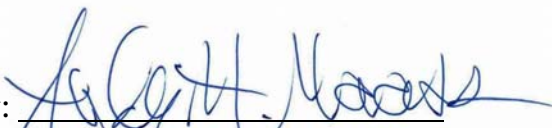
The Board shall not function as an appellate court to review the decisions of a court or judge nor exercise superintending or administrative control over determinations of courts or judges.

The Rules of the Judicial Conduct Board were sent to the Complainant, along with giving the Complainant 30 days to supplement the Complaint with specific allegations under the Board's jurisdiction. Complainant did send a follow-up letter, but did not include allegations that could form the basis for an ethical violation by the Judge. Complainant also requested this matter be held open pending final adjudication of the matters before the Court. Complainant was notified that if there were grounds in the future for further complaints, Complainant is free to file them as a new complaint.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry. 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. 19.013 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Andrew H. Maass, Chair