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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 19.028

This Complaint is the result of a series of child support hearings in which Complainant believed the Judge behaved with bias, lacked impartiality and showed impatience. Complainant also disagreed with procedural and evidentiary rulings and felt that some motions filed in the matter were not ruled on promptly.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an Initial Inquiry including a review of the docket, the orders in the matter and listening to audio recordings of each hearing. The review of the audio showed no evidence of bias or impatience. The Judge was calm and polite and invited Complainant to ask any additional questions needed. The docket review showed the Judge ruled on all motions in a timely fashion.


Disagreement with procedural and evidentiary rulings are issues for appeal, not for 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.

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. 19.028 is DISMISSED.

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By: 

Andrew H. Maass, Chair