

## JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

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### CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 19.020

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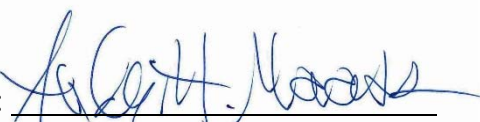
This Complaint is the result of an eviction matter involving a member of Complainant's family. The allegations included that the Judge had "fast tracked" the eviction; that the Judge did not allow the party to file additional motions after stating that additional motions could be filed; that the Judge did not allow specific evidence and allowed perjured testimony; that the Judge stated that the eviction would be stayed if an appeal was filed; and that the Judge ordered a Sheriff escort when the party went to pick up personal property.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry which included a thorough review of the history of the case, review of the audio of each hearing held, and review of a response from the Judge. In order for any of the claims to be considered ethical violations, even assuming there was a procedural or legal error made by the Judge in the case, there is no factual support to indicate bad faith motivations, a consistent pattern of legal errors, nor an egregiousness of an error that would push the conduct over the line from legal error, remedied on appeal, to an ethical violation.

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. 19.020 is DISMISSED.

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By:   
Andrew H. Maass, Chair