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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 21.003

This Complaint is the result of a matter in which the Complainant alleged misconduct of a judge in decisions reached over 3 years prior. **Rule 6(18) of the Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges states:**

Except when the Board determines otherwise for good cause, the Board shall not deal with complaints arising out of acts or omissions discovered by the complainant more than **three years prior** to the date of the complaint.

In addition, Complainant was dissatisfied with the 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:**

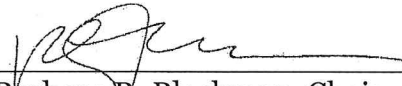
The Board shall not function as an appellate court to review the decisions of a court or judge nor exercise superintending or administrative control over determinations of courts or judges.

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, but Complainant failed to do so.

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. 21.003 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Barbara R. Blackman, Chair