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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 22.031

This Complaint contained allegations that the Judge did not listen to Complainant's testimony, and that the Judge allowed evidence into the case that should not have been admitted,

If the allegations were proven, these actions could be in violation of Canon 2, Rule 2.2: "A judge shall uphold and apply the law and shall perform all duties of judicial office fairly and impartially" and in violation of Canon 1, Rule 1.1 "A judge shall comply with the law, including the Code of Judicial Conduct."

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry, including a review of the docket and listening to the audio of the hearings. To the extent the Complaint alleges violation of either Canon the Board found no evidence of misconduct or violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Complainant also 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.

Therefore, the Board has determined there is no cause for further proceedings. *Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*, Rules 6(17) & 7(1)

Accordingly, the Complaint in Docket No. 22.031 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Barbara R. Blackman, Chair