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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

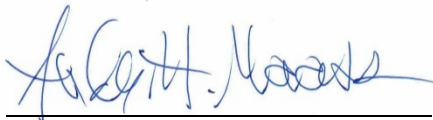
Re: Docket No.: 16.030

This Complaint stems from probate matters in which the Respondent Judge presided and an attorney was disciplined for ethical violations. The allegations included questions of whether the matters were handled with the required expediency, if "high standards of conduct" were enforced and if there was proper oversight by the Court. If these allegations were founded by the evidence, one or more would be violations of Canon 1, 3(B)(8) and 3(D)(2).

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry and retained Special Counsel for an Investigation under Rule 7(2). To the extent the Complaint alleges ethical impropriety or a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct; the Board has determined that there is no cause for further proceedings. The Board hereby dismisses the underlying Complaint and issues the Judge a Written Warning. *Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*, Rule 11.

Accordingly, the Complaint in Docket No. 16.030 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Andrew H. Maass, Chair