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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

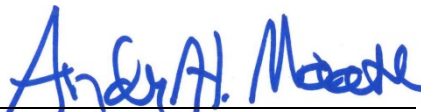
Re: Docket No.: 17.023

This Complaint arises out of a parent-child contact hearing during which the Judge made certain comments that did not fit with the spirit of Canon 3B(4): "a judge should be patient, dignified and courteous to litigants, jurors, witnesses, lawyers and others with whom the judge deals in an official capacity.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including review of the docket entries and of the audio of the hearing that was the subject of the Complaint. To the extent the Complaint alleges ethical impropriety or a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct; the Board has determined that, while the conduct does not rise to the level of a sanctionable offense, the Judge should be alerted that the alleged conduct might rise to the level of a violation requiring action if it occurred on multiple occasions. The Board issues the Judge a nonpublic Written Warning pursuant to Rule 8(2) of the *Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*, Rule 11.

Accordingly, the Complaint in Docket No. 17.023 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Andrew H. Maass, Chair