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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 17.024


This Complaint involves allegations of conflict of interest and bias because the adverse party had previously been employed in the court system where the matter was pending. If founded, this would be a violation of Canon 2B, 3B(8) and/or 3E(1).

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including review of the Complaint, the docket history of the matter, a response from the Judge, and a full review of orders entered. The Board found no grounds for the Judge to recuse or be disqualified. The adverse party had not worked in the court system for more than 9 years, and the Judge involved had had very little interaction with the person.

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. 17.024 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Andrew H. Maass, Chair