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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 17.028

This Complaint arises out of a personal business matter between the Complainant and the Judge that resulted in some litigation. The allegations included that the Judge took certain actions despite being aware of a pending court hearing. These allegations inferred a potential violation of Canon 1 requiring every judge to uphold the integrity of the judiciary and of Canon 2 requiring a judge to avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all of the judge's activities.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry and retained Special Counsel for an Investigation under Rule 7(2) of the *Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges*. Due to the unique circumstances, the Board determined that there is no cause for further proceedings.

The Board hereby dismisses the underlying Complaint and issues the Judge a non-public Written Warning pursuant to Rule 8(2) of the *Rules for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*.

Accordingly, the Complaint in Docket No. 17.028 is DISMISSED.

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By: Andrew H. Maass
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