November 16, 2017

CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 17.032

This Complaint stems from dissatisfaction with the outcome of litigation and issues in the Complaint that are properly directed to an appellate court. “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.” Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges, Rule 6(18). The Complaint also addressed issues with timeliness of decisions. If founded, this would be a violation of Canon 3(B)(8), “[a] judge shall dispose of all judicial matters promptly, efficiently and fairly.”

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including a review of the docket activity in the matter, filings and orders. 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. 17.032 is DISMISSED.

JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

By: Andrew H. Maass, Chair