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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 17.039

This Complaint contains allegations about claims of bias and failure of a judge to recuse from specific matters that occurred more than 3 years ago. Rule 6(18) of the Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges states:

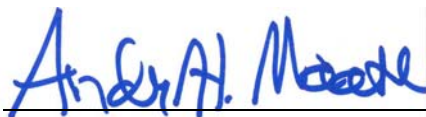
Except when the Board determines otherwise for good cause, the Board shall not deal with complaints arising out of acts or omissions discovered by the complainant more than **three years prior** to the date of the complaint. When the last episode of an alleged pattern of recurring judicial conduct arises within the three year period, the Board may consider all prior acts or omissions related to that alleged pattern of conduct, even if the prior acts or omissions are part of a complaint that was previously dismissed.

The Rules of the Judicial Conduct Board were sent to the Complainant, along with giving the Complainant 30 days to supplement the Complaint with specific allegations under the Board's jurisdiction. The Complainant did send additional information, but the Board found no good cause, nor pattern of conduct by the named judge to consider complaints that occurred more than 3 years ago.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry. 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. 17.039 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Andrew H. Maass, Chair