October 9, 2018

CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 18.002

This Complaint is the result of a criminal proceeding against a member of the Complainant’s family. The focus of the Complaint was the Judge did not allow a deposition of the victim in the matter to be completed. This is an issue for appeal, not within the jurisdiction of this Board.

Pursuant to the Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges: “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 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, but Complainant failed to do so.

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. 18.002 is DISMISSED.

JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

By: Andrew H. Maass, Chair