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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 18.004

This Complaint is the result of a voluntary plea agreement. The Complainant is a parent of the Defendant who agreed to the plea agreement. Complainant stated that the plea agreement was signed under duress which, if founded would be a violation of Canon 3(B)(4), "A Judge should be patient, dignified and courteous to litigants, jurors, witnesses, lawyers ... and shall require similar conduct of lawyers ... subject to the judge's direction and control." This would also be an issue for appeal, not under the jurisdiction of the Board.

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 including a review of the pleadings, the docket sheet and the hearing audio. 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. 18.004 is DISMISSED.

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By: Andrew H. Maass
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