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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 18.016

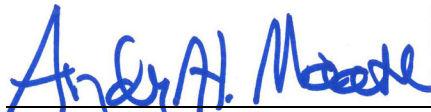
This Complaint is the result of both a criminal matter and an order against stalking. Complainant alleges the Judge evidenced bias due to Complainant's race or national origin. Complainant states that the Judge granted the order against stalking because Complainant owned farming and woodworking tools that would be considered normal for any other farmer, regardless of race. Additional allegations included that the Judge used language "replicating patterns of white supremacy." If founded, the allegations would be violation of Canon 3(B)5: "A Judge shall perform judicial duties without judgment or bias."

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including a review of the dockets and orders in both matters, a response from the Judge and listening to audio of each hearing held. The Board determined there was no evidence of bias or ethical misconduct.

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. 18.016 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Andrew H. Maass, Chair