

# JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD



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## CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 18.023

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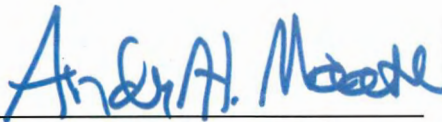
This Complaint is the result of a small claims appeal to the civil division. Allegations include bias in favor of the business involved and against Complainant, and excessive time between the hearing and the rendering of a decision. If founded, these would be violations of Canon 3B(5): "*A judge shall perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice*" and Canon 3B(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, a response from the Judge, and listening to the audio of the appeal hearing. The Board found no evidence of bias in favor of the business or an inordinate amount of time to render a decision in violation of the Judicial Code.

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. 18.023 is DISMISSED.

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By:   
Andrew H. Maass, Chair