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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 18.030(b)

This Complaint is the result of a probate estate matter that began in 2009 and contains allegations about two judges, a Probate Judge and a Superior Court Judge. This Closure Report is directed toward the allegations about the Superior Court Judge.

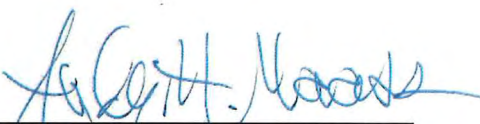
Allegations were: (1) that the judge did not treat Complainant fairly; and (2) based on information to the Complainant that the Superior Court Judge had an ex-parte communication with the Probate Judge.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry, including a thorough review of the entire case file and review of a response from the judge. The review also included a request from the Board to the Complainant on specific facts, including the source of information relating to the alleged ex parte conversation.

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. 18.030(b) is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Andrew H. Maass, Chair