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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 18.033

This Complaint is the result of two criminal matters, one against Complainant, the other against Complainant's friend/landlord. Complainant believed that there was a conflict of interest in the judge hearing both of the cases.

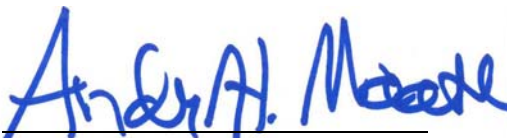
Canon 3E sets forth the circumstances in which judge is required to disqualify himself or herself. In general, the Canons require a judge to disqualify from a proceeding when the judge's impartiality might be questioned. This would occur when the judge has, for example, personal bias concerning a party, personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts, has served as a lawyer in the matter, has an economic interest in the subject matter in controversy, or a close family member meets these criteria. None of these criteria are alleged.

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. 18.033 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Andrew H. Maass, Chair