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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 18.034(a)

This Complaint is the result of a number of criminal charges against the Complainant with complaints made against two judges. The allegations against the first judge included: (1) that the judge did not afford Complainant the opportunity to speak or present evidence; and (2) that the judge "ranted" and "had a tantrum" during sentencing.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry, including review of the of the docket information, a review of the plea agreements entered into by Complainant, and listening to the audio of the hearings. If founded, the allegations would be violations of Canon 3B(4): (A judge should be patient, dignified and courteous to litigants...) and Canon 3B(7): (A judge shall accord to every person who has a legal interest in a proceeding, or that person's lawyer, the right to be heard according to law...).

The review of this matter did not support a determination of any violation of the Code of Judicial Canons.

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. 18.034(a) is DISMISSED.

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By: Andrew H. Maass
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