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In re: Honorable William Cobb**Docket No. 20.005**

STIPULATED PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITH ORDER

Based on the stipulation of the parties, which Judge Cobb is not contesting, the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board finds that there is clear and convincing evidence that Judge William Cobb, while a part-time Probate Judge for Caledonia County, violated Rule 1.2 and 1.3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct for the reasons set forth in the Stipulated Facts and Conclusions of Law and incorporated herein. Based on these findings, the Board issues this Public Reprimand to Judge William Cobb for violating Rules 1.2 and 1.3 of the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct.

Judge Cobb acknowledges that he used his position as Probate Judge within the Caledonia Unit to gain an advantage for a client with a matter pending in the Caledonia Unit Criminal Division and attempted to do so for another private client with a matter pending in the same unit.

It is a further requirement of this resolution that Judge Cobb enter into a mentoring relationship with a part-time probate judge. Judge Cobb is to confer with his mentoring judge for twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of this Stipulated Public Reprimand whenever accepting engagement for a private client that would require entering his appearance in any division of the Caledonia Superior Court and

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when confronted with any other issue that may potentially involve a question or violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

This decision with Public Reprimand is final, subject to review by the Vermont Supreme Court under Rules 10(3) and 12(3) of the Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges.

Dated: December 24, 2020

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By: *Andrew H. Maass*
Andrew H. Maass, Chair

UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED:

W. Cobb
Honorable William Cobb

Dated: 12/23/20