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## Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 12.021

This Complaint is the result of matter that is in the Probate Court. The Complaint included allegations of judicial misconduct based upon a delay by the Judge in issuing a decision on a pending petition for appointment of co-guardians. Canon 3B.(8) governs complaints of delay. As this was a contested matter in the Court, an analysis of the evidence was required by the Judge.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry and determined that there was an approximately 5 month delay from the date of the hearing until the decision was issued which did establish the co-guardianship. However, during the interim period, Complainants had temporary custody of the child, minimizing the potential prejudicial effects of the delay. After investigation, the Board has determined that there is no cause for further proceedings. *Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*, Rule 7(1).

The Complaint in Docket No. 12.021 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler