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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 12.039

This is a complaint of misconduct against the Judge arising out of a high conflict family case involving parent-child contact issues, child support contempt and other issues. The complainant is the step-father of the Defendant. Complainant alleges that the Judge did not conduct various hearings in a professional manner, that he was flirtatious with the plaintiff and that the Judge was biased in Plaintiff's favor. Special Counsel was appointed and a preliminary investigation was conducted. The investigation showed insufficient credible evidence to support Complainant's allegations of violations of Canons 3 B(3)(4) and (5). Many of the allegations were based upon second hand information and not direct observation.

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.

The Complaint in Docket No. 12.039 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler