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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 12.042

This Complaint is the result of a Small Claims matter. Complainant is unhappy with the results of the hearing. Complainant alleges that the Judge should have declined to hear the case because of past rulings in other matters in which Complainant was a party. Canon 3E sets forth the circumstances when a judge must recuse him/herself. Complainant also alleged that the Judge demonstrated bias and did not accord him the right to be heard according to the law. If founded, these would be violations of Canon 3B(5) and 3B(8).

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including a review of the pleadings and orders filed by the parties in the Court, as well as a review of the audio tapes of the hearings. 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. 12.042 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler