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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 12.044

This Complaint is the result of a custody/jurisdiction matter. The Father resides out of State although his child was born out of wedlock in Vermont. Under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, Vermont took jurisdiction. The Complainant was not happy that Vermont asserted jurisdiction, believing that to be a violation of Canon 3(B)(5), requiring the performance of judicial duties without bias or prejudice.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including a review of the Complaint, the Judge's response, pleadings and orders filed by the parties, as well as the applicable law. The complaint raises an appellate issue regarding the correctness of the Court's decision. 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 7(1).

The Complaint in Docket No. 12.044 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler