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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 12.045

This Complaint is the result of a relief from abuse order that was brought by a son against his mother. The order was granted. Complainant stated that the order was unsupported. Complainant also stated that the Judge did not allow certain proffered evidence to be admitted, ruling it hearsay. Even assuming that the evidence was admissible, which is certainly doubtful, an erroneous ruling on an evidentiary issue is an appellate issue and not an ethical one. The Complaint alleged a violation of Canon 3(B)(7).

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including a review of the pleadings and orders filed by the parties in the Court. 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. 12.045 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler