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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 13.010

The Complaint arises from a complex estate and trust matter, in which Complainant expressed dissatisfaction with the case disposition. Complainant alleges that the Judge did not dispose of the matters promptly. The Complaint involves rulings concerning a guardianship as well as issues with a Trustee and with periodic accountings. Complainant did not like the Judge's Rulings, in addition to the issues with claimed delays. The appeal of these Rulings would be a legal matter and would not constitute a violation of the Code. Complainant alleged a violation of Canon 3(B)(8).

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including a review of the pleadings and orders filed by the parties in the Court. In terms of delayed hearings, it is noted that the Judge made considerable effort to schedule hearings which took into account the calendars of the four different lawyers involved in the estate. 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. 13.010 is DISMISSED.

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