

# JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

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## Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 13.011

The Complainant is a result of allegations of intemperate conduct by the Presiding Judge in the context of an arraignment. The Complaint alleges that the Judge was rude and unprofessional in dealing with the probation officer present for an arraignment on a violation of probation. If proven, this could constitute a violation of Canon 3(B)(4) of the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct requiring the Court to be dignified and courteous to litigants and others.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry and thereafter conducted a preliminary investigation through Special Counsel. To the extent the Complaint alleges ethical impropriety or a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, the Board has determined that the conduct is unlikely to be proven by the clear and convincing evidence standard required and accordingly, there is no cause for further proceedings before this Board. *Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*, Rule 11.

The Complaint in Docket No. 13.011 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler