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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 13.021

This Complaint is the result of a hearing held on a motions to modify parental rights and responsibilities. The Complaint included, among other assertions, the allegation of gender bias by the Court which if founded would be a violation of Canon 3(B)(5) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Complainant also alleges that the Judge made a telephone call to the other party when that party did not show up for the continuation of the hearing rather than merely granting Complainant a default.

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 tape of the hearing. The investigation did not substantiate the allegations. 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. 13.021 is DISMISSED.

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