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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 13.024

This Complaint is the result of a contentious divorce hearing. The Complaint included allegations of racial bias by the Court. Complainant alleges that the Judge did not let her speak during the hearing and did not consider her point of view. She claims the Judge treated her in this manner because of her race.

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. 13.024 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler