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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 13.032

This Complaint reflects dissatisfaction with the Judge's ruling on a motion to modify a parent child contact order. The Complainant alleges that the Judge failed to abide by an earlier agreement of the parties to review parent child contact. By dismissing the motion, Complainant alleges that the Judge did not "promote public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary." If founded this would be a violation of Canon 2. Complainant also alleges the Judge was "impatient . . . and unwilling to hear arguments." If founded this would be a violation of Canon 3(B).

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry which included a review of the pleadings and orders as well as the audio tape of the hearing. While the judge's rulings were terse, the motion to modify was denied on legal grounds, which at best would be an appellate issue. 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. 13.032 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler