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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 14.014

This Complaint was filed by the tenant in an eviction proceeding. On the day of the contested hearing, Complainant experienced a medical emergency and called the Court to request a continuance. His call was transferred to the courtroom where the plaintiff, his attorney and the Judge were located. The Judge spoke by telephone to the Complainant and the Emergency Room doctor who confirmed the medical emergency. A continuance was then granted. Among other things, allegations were made that the Judge laughed at Complainant and wanted Complainant to proceed through telephone testimony. If supported, these allegations would be violations of Canon 3 B (4) & (5). A review of the video of the hearing provides no factual support for these allegations; to the contrary, there was no evidence of judicial impropriety.

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 video recording of the hearing. 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. 14.014 is DISMISSED.

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