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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 14.015

This Complaint is the result of a child support matter. Allegations include bias by the Magistrate, a potential violation of Canon 3B(5) and demeanor of the Magistrate, a potential violation of Canon 3B(4). Complainant feels that the Magistrate did not hold Complainant's ex-husband to the same standard as she was held to. In fact, the audio record of the hearing reveals that neither party supplied enough financial information for the Judge to address the issue of modification of child support.

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. There is no evidence of either bias or intemperate demeanor. 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. 14.015 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler