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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 14.030

This Complaint arises from an adverse ruling in a modification of parent/child contact case. The Complainant alleges that the Judge made an incorrect substantive decision, an appellate issue, but additionally was not patient, dignified nor courteous during testimony. If founded, these allegations would be violations of Canon 3(B)(4).

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry which included a review of the pleadings and orders in this case as well as a review of the audio tape of the hearing. Complainant was *pro se* and the Respondent Judge was forceful and direct which may have been somewhat intimidating to Complainant. However, 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. 14.030 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler