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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 14.040

This Complaint is the result of status conference held in a criminal matter. Complainant alleges that the Judge was rude and refused to allow him to argue the substance of his claims. If founded, this would be a violation of Canon 3(B)(7).

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. Simply put, the audiotape fails to corroborate any of the allegations. Complainant was represented by counsel and may not himself have understood that a status conference was not the time to debate the substantive issues in the case. Moreover, the audio record reveals that the judge was patient and polite throughout 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. 14.040 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler