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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 14.043

This Complaint involves alleged actions by a lawyer sitting as Acting Judge in a long and complicated divorce case. Complainant is a party in that civil case. Most of the complaint deals with actions of Respondent as a lawyer - matters beyond the jurisdiction of this Board. The limited part of the Complaint over which we do have jurisdiction is an allegation that Respondent as the Acting Judge influenced court staff to allow him access to a sealed divorce file.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry during which it was unable to locate any Order sealing the relevant divorce file. There is also no evidence to suggest that Respondent Acting Judge ever accessed the divorce file, sealed or otherwise. Finally, the underlying divorce spans well over a decade, much of which being beyond the period of limitations for the JCB. 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. 14.043 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler