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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board Re: Docket No. 15.006

This Complaint is the result of long-running docket in Vermont Superior Court, Family Division, pending since 2005. Although a final divorce was granted in January 2007, since then both parties have filed multiple Motions to Modify Parent-Child Contact and related motions. Complainant is unhappy that the Judge did not grant a motion to participate by telephone and alleges the Judge did not grant the motion in an attempt to "railroad" Complainant. Various other allegations are also made regarding lack of notice of hearings although it is apparent that Complainant was difficult to locate during the period when notice of a hearing was being served. If these allegation were founded, they would be violations of Canon 3(B)(5) or 3(B)(7).

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including a review of the pleadings and orders, as well as a response from the Judge. 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. 15.006 is DISMISSED.

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