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REVISED Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 15.012

This Complaint is a probate court matter involving the appointment of a financial guardian. Complainant alleges the Judge was biased and improperly appointed a financial guardian in an involuntary guardianship proceeding. One of the guardians considered (although never appointed) had a remote business relationship with the Judge. If these allegations are founded, there would be violations of Canons 3(B)(4) & (5) and 4(D)(1)(b).

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 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. The Board hereby dismisses the underlying Complaint and issues the Judge a Written Warning. *Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*, Rule 11.

The Complaint in Docket No. 15.012 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler