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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No.16.017

This Complaint arises out of a litigated will contest that went to trial in 2012, the outcome of which was unanimously upheld on appeal in 2013. The trial was by jury and Complainant was on the losing side. The Complaint does not identify any issues of judicial misconduct but instead recasts her appellate arguments. It would appear that the allegations, even if true, were time barred by our 3 year statute of limitations.

The Judicial Conduct Board nonetheless considered the merits of the underlying complaint and 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 audiovisual tape of 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. 16.017 is DISMISSED.

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