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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 16.033

This Complaint is filed by the grandparents in a long running guardianship matter. Complainants, who are unrepresented by counsel, do not clearly understand courtroom procedures and are unhappy with rulings. Complainants' issues deal largely with the outcome of various hearings and rulings on motions and are appellate issues; by themselves, adverse rulings are not evidence of ethical misconduct. Indeed, Complainants do not cite to any specific provision in the Code of Conduct which they allege the judge violated.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including a review of the pleadings and orders filed by the parties in the Court. 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. 16.033 is DISMISSED.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven A. Adler", is written over the printed name.

By: Steven A. Adler