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## Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 12.015

This voluminous Complaint is the result of an ongoing grandchild custody and guardianship dispute, which included emergency hearings and Department of Children and Families involvement. The Complainant ultimately was unhappy with the results of a termination of parental rights hearing. The Complaint included allegations of judicial bias and unwillingness to allow witnesses and parties to be fully heard.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including a review of the pleadings and orders filed by the parties in the Court. The Board also reviewed the helpful and very detailed filings of both Complainant and Respondent 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 7(1).

The Complaint in Docket No. 12.015 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler