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## Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 12.023

This Complaint is the result of an Appeal to the Vermont Supreme Court from the Superior Court - Chittenden Unit - Family Division. The Trial Court had terminated Complainant's parental rights. The Complaint alleges that the Appellate Court misconstrued the records; it also included allegations that the Complainant's attorney provided ineffective assistance and that the Trial Court did not make any inquiry into the level of preparation by trial counsel.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry and determined the Complaint is unfounded and there is no cause for further proceedings. Essentially, Complainant is unhappy with the outcome of the termination proceedings. 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. 12.023 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler