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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 12.032

After a very long term marriage, the parties to the underlying case divorced and the court divided up the marital assets. The parties' assets were significant and in large part due to a settlement from a personal injury claim the Complainant had made some decades earlier. The Complainant husband alleged that the Judge was biased because the husband did not receive a larger share of what was left of the old settlement, in violation of Canon 3(B)(2). The essence, Complainant is unhappy with the Judge's decision on the merits of the divorce.

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 7(1).

The Complaint in Docket No. 12.032 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler