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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 12.048

This Complaint is the result of Complainant's unhappiness with the outcome of a Small Claims matter. The general facts of the case are not in dispute. A tree belonging to a Town fell on a car owned by Complainant. Complainant wanted the Town to pay for the damage to his vehicle. Complainant did not like the rulings of the Judge and appealed the matter. Complainant was also unhappy that the Judge is an elected County official and felt the Judge should have recused himself. Violations of Canon 3 were alleged.

The Judicial Conduct Board 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 audio tapes of the hearing. The issue of a conflict was not raised at the trial court level. 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. 12.048 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler