September 27, 2016

Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 16.023

This Complaint arises out of Complainant’s unhappiness with a Supreme Court Justice’s decision in connection with a request for post-conviction relief (PCR). The Supreme Court initially reversed the trial judge. On remand, the trial court judge corrected the issue but ultimately denied the PCR after a hearing. On the second Supreme Court appeal, the trial judge was affirmed.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including a review of the pleadings and orders filed by the parties in the Court and the Supreme Court decisions. Complainant clearly misapprehends the reason for the first reversal. 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. 16.023 is DISMISSED.

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