

# JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD



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## CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 23.035

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This Complaint contained non-specific allegations of misconduct in criminal court cases from 2016 and did not contain allegations against any specific judge.

The Rules of the Judicial Conduct Board were sent to the Complainant, along with giving the Complainant 30 days to supplement the Complaint with specific allegations under the Board's jurisdiction. Complainant did respond but the Board found that the allegations were the result of a matter in which the Complainant was dissatisfied with the outcome of the litigation, which is a matter for an appellate court, not this Board.

**Rule 6(17) of the Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges states:**

The Board shall not function as an appellate court to review the decisions of a court or judge nor exercise superintending or administrative control over determinations of courts or judges.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry, including a thorough review of all of the Complainant's filings and the docket history of the underlying litigation.

The Board found that the Complaint and the other materials submitted by the Complainant did not support or allege violations of any Canon of the Code of Judicial Conduct, but instead raised appellate issues. Therefore, the Board has determined that the Complaint falls outside of the Board's jurisdiction, and there is no cause for further proceedings. *Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*, Rules 6(17) & 7(1).

Accordingly, the Complaint in Docket No. 23.035 is DISMISSED.

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By:   
Barbara R. Blackman, Chair