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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 23.048

This Complaint is 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 complaint also contained allegations of harsh treatment during the hearing and of not maintaining order and decorum in the court room, potentially implicating violations of Canon 2, Rule 2.2, 2.6 and 2.8.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an Initial Inquiry pursuant to Rule 7(1) of the Rules for the Disciplinary Control of Judges including a review of all of the audio of the hearings, the filings and order in the case, and a response from the judge. No violations of any Canon were found during this review.

To the extent the Complaint alleges ethical impropriety or a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, the Board found no violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct during the Initial Inquiry and there is no cause for further proceedings.

Accordingly, the Complaint in Docket No. 23.048 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Barbara R. Blackman, Chair