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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 24.009

This Complaint contained allegations of ex-parte communications with a witness potentially implicating violations of Canon 2, Rule 2.9(A):

A judge shall not initiate permit, or consider ex parte communications, or consider other communications made to the judge outside the presence of the parties or their lawyers, concerning a pending or impending matter.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an Initial Inquiry pursuant to Rule 7(1) of the Rules for the Disciplinary Control of Judges, including a thorough review of the filings in the case, review of the audio of the hearings, and a response from the Judge.

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. 24.009 is DISMISSED.

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By: 
Barbara R. Blackman, Chair