

# JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD



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## CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 24.011

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This Complaint contained allegations of violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct, specifically Rule 2.2, entitled "Impartiality and Fairness," calling for judges to "perform all duties of judicial office fairly and impartially;" and Rule 1.2, entitled "Promoting Confidence in the Judiciary," calling for judges to "act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary. . ."

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an Initial Inquiry under Rule 7(1) of the Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges. The Board concluded that a Formal Complaint was not warranted, but, pursuant to Rule 8 (2) of the Rules of Supreme Court for Disciplinary Control of Judges, a written warning was the appropriate response.

Therefore, the Board has issued Respondent Judge a non-public written warning. This written warning is intended to alert Respondent Judge that the conduct might rise to the level of a violation requiring action if it occurred on multiple occasions and provided suggestions for improvement. Respondent Judge was also notified that conduct that has been the subject of a written warning may later be used as the basis for a Formal Complaint if further complaints are filed within three years of the date the first complaint was filed with the Board. The fact that a judge has been the subject of one or more written warnings may be considered in determining the appropriate level of any later sanction.

Accordingly, proceedings regarding the Complaint in Docket No. 24.011 are closed.

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By:   
Barbara R. Blackman, Chair