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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 24.027

This Complaint contained allegations that the Judge mistreated Complainant during a hearing and showed bias against the Complainant potentially implicating violations of Canon 2 Rule 2.8(B) "A judge shall be patient, dignified, and courteous to litigants..." and Canon 2 Rule 2.2 "A judge shall uphold and apply the law and shall perform all duties of judicial office fairly and impartially."

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 a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, the Board has determined that the allegations are unfounded. To the contrary, the Board's review found repeated examples of what the Judge did right under challenging circumstances.

Accordingly, the Board has determined there is no cause for further proceedings. Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges, Rule 6(17) & 7(1).

Accordingly, the Complaint in Docket No. 24.027 is DISMISSED.

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By: 

Barbara R. Blackman, Chair