

# **PSYCHOTHERAPIST-PATIENT SEX -** **Retrospective and Perspective**

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In the late 1980's I asked a question of a group of therapists who were providing me with their input as I prepared to draft legislation that would, for the first time in California, make sexual relations between a psychotherapist and a patient a criminal offense – a felony, punishable by imprisonment. I was looking for a “yes” answer. The question asked was as follows: