Therapists Are Human, Too! February 17, 2009 • Contributed by Greg Madison, PhD. At times I can be didactic and preachy with clients. Seen from this perspective therapy is the bridge that spans our isolation from one another. It is a place to welcome humanity, one by one, back into a community of belonging. A place where the vulnerable ‘I’ of separation becomes a ‘we’. Therapy is not a treatment any more than marriage, friendship, motherhood and fatherhood are treatments. I am coming to believe that therapy, when it works, is mutual redemption of the lonely ‘I’. Perhaps implicit in each phobia, trauma, addiction, and compulsion, depression and anxiety, is the loss of our human belonging. Therapists aren’t whole, perfect beings. Although the primary focus of this article is the presentation of data concerning therapists’ sexual attraction to their clients and the implications for education and training, the context within which this research was conducted should be noted. Sexually intimate behavior between therapists and their clients has emerged as an increasingly serious problem within the profession, as revealed by an examination of the records in three arenas—ethics cases, malpractice suits, and licensing board hearings.