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## Crossing Boundaries & Inappropriate Disclosure

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### Ethical Codes

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**CAMPT**  
 CAMPT Ethical Standard 1.1: Good Relationships  
 CAMPT Ethical Standard 1.1.3: Utilising Good Relationships  
 CAMPT Ethical Standard 1.2.2: Sexual Contact  
 CAMPT Ethical Standard 1.3: Therapist  
 Guidance  
 CAMPT Ethical Standard 1.4: Confidentiality  
 CAMPT Ethical Standard 1.6: Measurement and  
 Evaluation

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### Example "Prime"

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### Good Example

"Step Brothers"

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## Penalties

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Disposition-

\*Placed on probation for five years on the following conditions:

- Undergo psychological

- Have a practice monitor/billing monitor

- Participate in psychotherapy

Take and pass the California Psychological Exam

- Take and pass the California and Ethics Examination

- Complete not less than 20 hours of coursework

each year of probation

- Complete a course in law and ethics

Don't forget to call 617-252-2222 for information

- Pay the board \$7, enforcement costs

- Refrain from employing/supervising assistants, interns, and trainees

“Marriage and family therapists are made of two influential positions with respect to patients, and they avoid exploiting the trust and dependency of such persons.”

### Example

### "Because I Said So"

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#### **AAMFT**

AAMFT Code of Ethics 1.3 Multiple Relationships

AAMFT Code of Ethics 1.4 Sexual Intimacy with Current Clients and Others

AAMFT Code of Ethics 1.5 Sexual Intimacy with Former Clients and Others

AAMFT Code of Ethics 1.7 No Furthering of Own Interests

AAMFT Code of Ethics 3.4 Conflicts of Interest

AAMFT Code of Ethics 3.10 Gifts

#### **CAMFT**

CAMFT Ethical Standard 1.2- Dual Relationship

CAMFT Ethical Standard 1.2.1- Unethical Dual Relationships:

CAMFT Ethical Standard 1.2.2- Sexual Contact

CAMFT Ethical Standard 1.5- Therapist Disclosure

CAMFT Ethical Standard 1.6- Exploitation

CAMFT Ethical Standard 3.8- Harassment or Exploitation

#### **BBS**

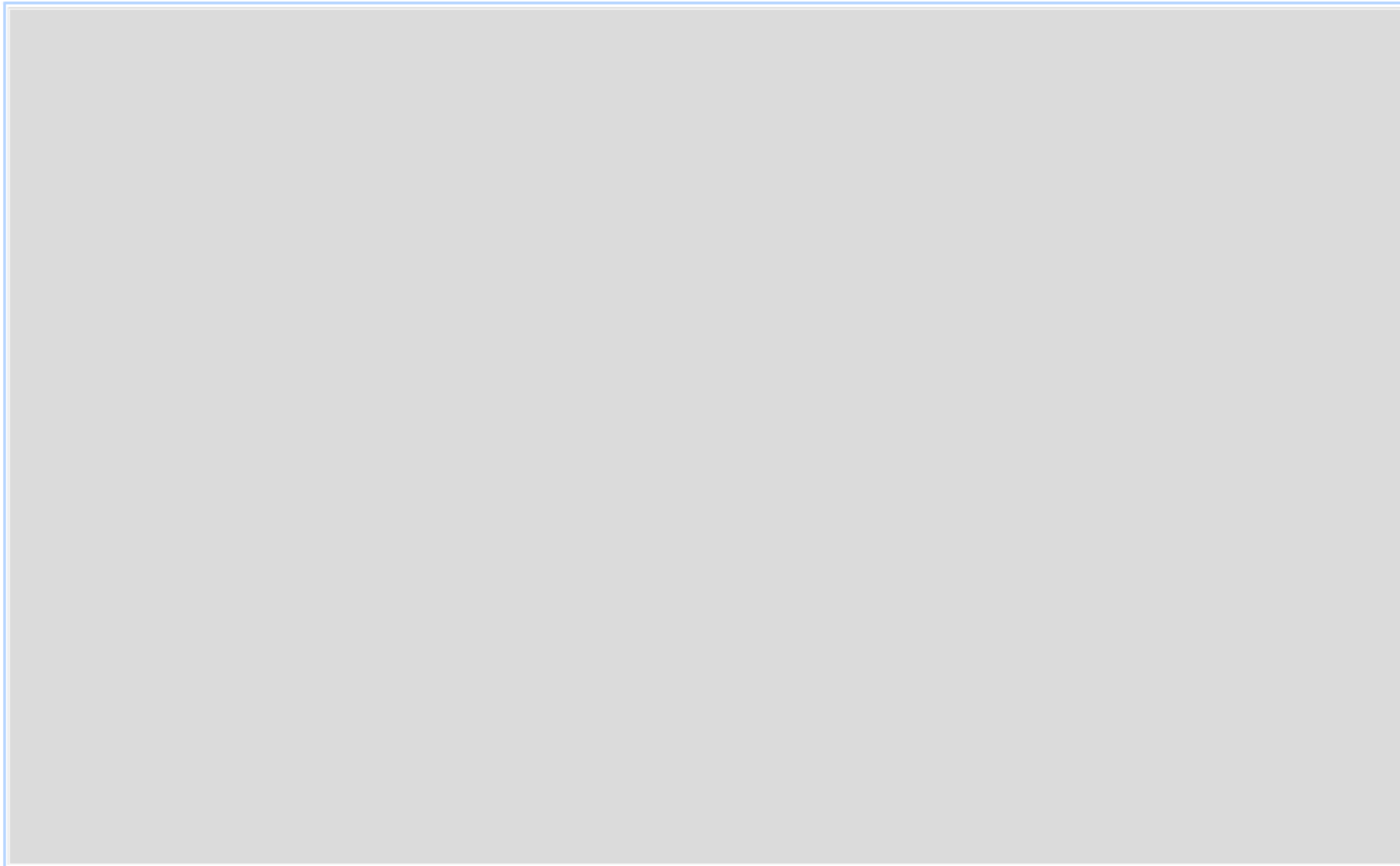
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