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Katlin first encountered psychodrama in the mid 1970's when John Nolte (a clinical psychologist and psychodrama trainer) came to Nebraska to lead a 3 day workshop in an inpatient psychiatric facility. John did a psychodrama which involved betrayal, gang rape, forced pregnancy and birth, patriarchy. Katlin was moved by the courage that John displayed in confronting the most horrifying circumstances and helping the client find her truth and confront her betrayers. As she watched the psychodrama she remembers thinking, "this is the thing I want to be able to do. To help people go to the deepest place of pain and fear, face it unflinchingly and find peace and justice at the end of that journey."

Katlin Larimer has been a trial consultant since 1997, assisting both civil and criminal defense lawyers in developing their case for trial. Her work includes client preparation for testimony, using the technique of psychodramatic re-enactments. This puts the client and trial team in touch with the heart of the story. For Katlin, trial consulting and jury selection are both concerned with finding the heart of the story and connecting it with the stories of jurors who represent the community where the case is tried.

She began her career as a mental health professional and has applied her expertise in human behavior and group dynamics to her trial consultation practice. She currently continues an outpatient mental health practice in Omaha, NE while maintaining an active trial consulting practice nationally.

Katlin is a certified Psychodrama and Sociometry (the study of groups) trainer and co-founded the National Psychodrama Center which offers training to trial lawyers and other professionals in the form of five weekend workshops each year. A number of lawyers have become certified themselves as psychodrama practitioners and trainers under her supervision. Information about NPTC's training program can be found at www.nationalpsychodramatrainingcenter.com.

She began her career as a trial consultant with lawyers in 1997 when she became a faculty member of Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College. Katlin went on to become a member of its Board of Directors from 2002 until 2009.

When she is not working, there is nowhere Katlin would rather be than sitting in a duck blind on the Platte River at 4 a.m. watching the Sandhill Cranes make their annual migration through her beloved state of Nebraska. When the cranes are not migrating, Katlin likes to spend her time reading, hiking, traveling, and playing with her four grandboys.