

**Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with StarTrek
For: Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom, Boston Illegal
Episode: Smile [02x15: airdate: February 14, 2006]**

Theme 1: A True and Valued Friend

Ode to Spot

Felis Cattus, is your taxonomic nomenclature,
an endothermic quadruped carnivorous by nature?
Your visual, olfactory and auditory senses
contribute to your hunting skills, and natural defenses.

I find myself intrigued by your sub vocal oscillations,
a singular development of cat communications
that obviates your basic hedonistic predilection
for a rhythmic stroking of your fur, to demonstrate affection.

A tail is quite essential for your acrobatic talents;
you would not be so agile if you lacked its counterbalance.
And when not being utilized to aide in locomotion,
it often serves to illustrate the state of your emotion.

O Spot, the complex levels of behaviour you display
connote a fairly well-developed cognitive array.
**And though you are not sentient, Spot, and do not
comprehend,
I nonetheless consider you a true and valued friend.**

~ *Cmdr. Data, "Schisms"*

(I can almost "hear" Alan Shore recite this in my mind.)
Remember:

"Folks, we got trouble. Right here, I say trouble, right here in River City. You got one, two, three, four, five, six pockets on the table. Pockets that mark the difference between the gentleman and a bomb with a capital B, and that rhymes with P, and stands for pool."



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<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Dataspot.jpg>

Theme 2: It's not easy being green... or purple (aka outcast children)



www.startrek.com Naomi Wildman
played by Scarlett Pomers
Episode: VOY 199 - Once Upon a
Time

Star Trek and Boston Legal
enjoy their share of outcast
but gifted children. They
appear frequently and
throughout each of the series
forging relationships with
adults who recognize and
appreciate their unique
abilities and special qualities.
Here, I selected a photo of
Naomi Wildman from the
Voyager series whose
likeness to Marissa Deavers in
"Smile" cannot be mistaken.



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Marissa Deavers played by Hannah Leigh Dworkin
Episode: Smile

Theme 3: Star Trek Alumni: William Shatner, René Auberjonois, Ron Canada, Shannon O’Hurley, Don McManus, Freda Foh Shen

http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Ron_Canada **Characters performed by Ron Canada**

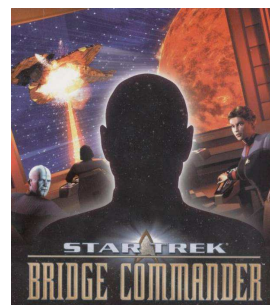
		
<u>Martin Benbeck</u>	<u>Ch'Pok</u>	<u>Fesek</u>
<u>TNG:</u> <u>"The Masterpiece Society"</u>	<u>DS9:</u> <u>"Rules of Engagement"</u>	<u>VOY:</u> <u>"Juggernaut"</u>



www.startrek.com Kohl Programmer played by **Shannon O'Hurley** - Episode: VOY 139 - The Thaw



www.startrek.com Zio played by **Don R. McManus** Episode: VOY 147 - The Chute



www.mobygames.com/game/star-trek-bridge-commander/credits **Freda Foh Shen** as Admiral Alice Lui, voice talent for Star Trek: Bridge Commander, VG