

**Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with Star Trek  
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**Theme 1 The Big Easy:** New Orleans makes her appearance in Star Trek in her many manifestations: as a class of starship (U.S.S. Renegade, the U.S.S. Thomas Paine and the U.S.S. Kyushu, U.S.S. Rutledge), as the birthplace of Captain Benjamin Sisko and his family -- Sisko's father, Joseph owned a Creole restaurant (DS9: "Equilibrium", "Homefront", "Paradise Lost", "Image in the Sand"), and as a location past and present, and fake. Commander William Riker enjoyed a holodeck recreation of the **Bourbon Street Bar**, in New Orleans, for the music and the company. (TNG: "11001001"),

**Sisko's at night in 2375. (DS9: "Homefront")**

<http://images.wikia.com/memorialpha/en/images/c/c3/Siskos2375.jpg>



**Image of Joseph Sisko inside Sisko's. (DS9 : Homefront)**

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**Bourbon Street Bar, in New Orleans (TNG: "11001001")**

[http://images.wikia.com/memorialpha/en/images/d/db/Bourbon Street Bar.jpg](http://images.wikia.com/memorialpha/en/images/d/db/Bourbon_Street_Bar.jpg)



**New Orleans Class Starship**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Neworleance ncy2bottom.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Neworleance_ncy2bottom.jpg)

**Theme 2 Those crazy young men in their flying machines:** Captain James T. Kirk and Denny Crane have similar taste in transportation: Denny Crane has a “Gulf Stream” and James T. Kirk has a constitution class starship.



The **Gulfstream IV-SP (G-IV)** is a high altitude, high speed, twin-turboprop jet aircraft acquired by AOC in 1996. The G-IV is currently configured for operational support of the National Hurricane Center synoptic surveillance mission/  
[http://www.nasa.gov/images/content/117378main\\_gulfstream\\_aircraft.jpg](http://www.nasa.gov/images/content/117378main_gulfstream_aircraft.jpg)



The **Starship Enterprise NCC 1701**, launched in 2245, the original and illustrious starship was built in the San Francisco Yards orbiting Earth. The Constitution-class starship was previously captained by Robert April and Christopher Pike, before coming under the command of Captain James T. Kirk.  
<http://www.rocketreviews.com/images6/enterprise02.jpg>

**Theme 3 Trombone Envy?:** Of all the noisemakers the writers of Boston Legal could have selected from, they chose the trombone kazoo.



(TNG: "Conundrum") Cmdr Will Riker plays the trombone for Deanna Troi.  
[http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/4/4d/Trombone%2C\\_Conundrum.jpg](http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/4/4d/Trombone%2C_Conundrum.jpg)



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Attorney Denny Crane plays the trombone kazoo for Shirley Schmidt.  
<http://boston-legal.org/11-angel/next-Angel.jpg>

**Star Trek Alumni:** William Shatner (Denny Crane), René Auberjonois (Paul Lewiston), Ann Cusack (Dr. Donna Follette), Dakin Matthews (Judge Harvey Fletcher), Mark Chait (Attorney Byron Robb), Gary Anthony Williams (Clarence/Clarice Bell) (see 3x10).



ENT: "Carbon Creek" Ann Cusack portrayed Maggie, a resident of Carbon Creek.  
<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/8/8b/Maggie.jpg>



Ann Cusack publicity photo  
[http://www.imdb.com/gallery/hh/0193639/HH/0193639/AnnCusackHS.jpg.html?path=pgallery&path\\_key=Cusack.%20Ann](http://www.imdb.com/gallery/hh/0193639/HH/0193639/AnnCusackHS.jpg.html?path=pgallery&path_key=Cusack.%20Ann)



VOY: "Relativity" Dakin Matthews as Admiral Patterson in Voyager.

<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/d/da/Patterson.jpg>



Dakin Matthews publicity photo

<http://img.theatermania.com/news/images/8590a.jpg>



ENT: "The Breach" Mark Chait portrays Dr. Yolen, head geologist of a team of scientists for the Denobulan Science Academy studying the speleothems on Xantoras.

[http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/a/a4/Yolen\\_denobulan\\_doctor.jpg](http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/a/a4/Yolen_denobulan_doctor.jpg)



Mark Chait publicity photo

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haet.%20Mark](http://imdb.com/gallery/hh/0149522/HH/0149522/smileynewpic.jpg?path=pgallery&path_key=Chaet.%20Mark)