

**Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with Star Trek For Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom for Boston-Legal.org Season Three, Episode 20: (03x20) Guise and Dolls. airdate: Apr 24, 2007] by Debb from Montreal**

**The Clothes do not Make the Doll:** Comparing the “Tarties” in this week’s episode of Boston Legal to some of the action figure dolls from Star Trek, one wonders why the latter are not held in the same esteem as our favourite heroines from the future.



Marlena Moreau  
TOS Mirror Mirror  
[www.joeacevedo.com/docs/mycorner/Blog/files/archive-4.html](http://www.joeacevedo.com/docs/mycorner/Blog/files/archive-4.html)



Uhura  
TOS Mirror Mirror  
[www.forbiddenplanet.co.uk/images/D/D2039.jpg](http://www.forbiddenplanet.co.uk/images/D/D2039.jpg)



Seven of Nine (¼ Scale)  
VOY  
[www.hartvasonstudios.com/trek-](http://www.hartvasonstudios.com/trek-)



Jadzia Dax  
DS9 "Trials& Tribble-ations"  
[www.diamondselecttoys.com/store/product\\_images/7/34323/001\\_biq.jpg](http://www.diamondselecttoys.com/store/product_images/7/34323/001_biq.jpg)

Crop tops, mini skirts, high heels, leather leggings, latex jumpsuits and thigh boots seem acceptable when we associate the clothing to the Star Trek character “uniform”. In contrast, just the opposite seems true when we examine the “Tarties” in their street attire. Perhaps it is not the clothing that defines the doll, but the profession and the demeanour in which they have been exploited. And, yes, some of them are available in life size.

**Action figures vs Fashion Dolls**

The “fashion dolls” at right are in submissive poses in feminine pastel colours, the ropes around the ankles insinuating bondage, while their “action figure” counterparts above posed with intimidating and provocative posture.

But in the sixties, the mini skirt was a symbol of the feminism movement, in the 2000’s, a symbol of moral and societal woe.



“Tarties”  
<http://boston-legal.org/20-dolls/images/3x20-boston-legal-abc-dolls.jpg>

**Star Trek Alumni:** William Shatner (Denny Crane), René Auberjonois (Paul Lewiston), Gary Anthony Williams (Clarence/Clarisse), Michael Bofshever (Charles Costello), Jim Jansen (Marshall Kennedy)

**Michael Bofshever:**



TNG: "Timescape" as a Quantum singularity lifeform in Romulan form.  
<http://www.michaelbofshever.com/images/mbx42.jpg>



DS9: "Progress" Michael Bofshever portrays Minister Toran, member of the Bajoran Provisional Government  
<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/es/images/e/e6/Michaelbofshever.ip>



Michael Bofshever publicity photo  
<http://www.michaelbofshever.com/>

**Jim Jansen:**



DS9: "The Storyteller" Jim Jansen portrays Faren Kag, the magistrate of a village on Bajor.  
[http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/e/e2/Faren\\_Kaq.jpg](http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/e/e2/Faren_Kaq.jpg)



DS9: "Trials and Tribble-ations" Jansen portrays Temporal Investigations agent Lucsly (anagram of Scully from X-Files)  
<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/e/e0/Lucslv.jpg>



Jim Jansen publicity photo  
[www.imdb.com/gallery/hh/0418012/HH/0418012/iid\\_1203121.jpg?path=pgallery&path\\_key=Jansen,%20Jim](http://www.imdb.com/gallery/hh/0418012/HH/0418012/iid_1203121.jpg?path=pgallery&path_key=Jansen,%20Jim)