

**Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with Star Trek  
For Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom for Boston-Legal.org  
Season Four, Episode 1 (04x01) Beauty and the Beast. Airdate: Sep 25, 2007  
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**Nemeses:** It seems Denny Crane and James T. Kirk not only garnered many old girlfriends in their lifetimes but old enemies as well – some of them portrayed by the same actors. John Larroquette, will forever be infamous as Maltz, the Klingon that murderously stabs Dr. David Marcus, James T. Kirk's estranged son, in the back; provoking that famous line "You Klingon bastard, you killed my son!" Joining the cast of Boston Legal will, no doubt, titillate fans of both series to see these old nemeses pitted against each other in a battle of wills (and perhaps for the affection of fair maiden, Shirley Schmidt). For what it's worth, I'd place good money that Sack has already seriously underestimated the geezer lawyer. The stars are aligned!



ST III: Search for Spock: John Larroquette as Maltz, the Klingon that killed Captain Kirk's son.  
<http://movies.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/tsfs/ch7/tsfs0856.ipa>

**Skirts:** Alan Shore and Denny Crane's fascination with the skirt set, and specifically with that of Shirley Schmidt's alterego cheerleader must resonate among male fans who probably haven't had their fill of short skirts since the 60's. Startrek famously dressed their female cast in the fashion *riguer du jour*, the mini. But can Sack and Shore compete with the ultimate skirt chaser, Captain James T. Kirk? The jury is still out.

Further, not only are Alan and Denny the definitive skirt chasers in the figurative sense, but in the literal as well. Alan's quirky propensity for donning the Lennon sister's costume complete with pink chiffon skirt, not to mention Clarence's alterego, Clarisse, is an essay unto itself and far too complex to delve into for this report. Suffice to say, Kirk's skirts kick quirks.



TOS Lt. Uhura as portayed by Nichelle Nicols and TNG's Lt. Jadzia Dax (Terry Farrell) in retro uniform.

[www.scifi3d.com/downloads/Star\\_Trek/Star\\_Trek\\_Image/2517\\_lge\\_uhura.jpg](http://www.scifi3d.com/downloads/Star_Trek/Star_Trek_Image/2517_lge_uhura.jpg)  
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As I was researching the leggy ladies, I came across this photo of Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand of The Original Series) and was struck by how much she and Tara Summers (Katie Loyd) resemble each other.

As I recall, Yeoman Rand was kind and gentle yet also had a firm, no-nonsense demeanor, especially when it came to men. Sounds and looks familiar.

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**Heard B4:** One of our readers, Christiana, brought to our attention a huge Trek in the Courtroom oversight. The song Denny whispers to Shirley, “You are My Sunshine” was performed in Star Trek Voyager as a duet between the Holodoc and Seven of Nine.



VOY: “Someone to Watch Over Me” Doc (Robert Picardo) and Seven of Nine (Jeri Ryan also a BL Alumni) sing “You are My Sunshine”

[http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/4/44/Seven\\_and\\_Doctor\\_sing.jpg](http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/4/44/Seven_and_Doctor_sing.jpg)

A vidcap of the scene can be found here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGIC9GUQk5s>

Lyrics: *The other night dear, as I lay sleeping  
I dreamed I held you in my arms  
But when I awoke, dear, I was mistaken  
So I hung my head and I cried.  
You are my sunshine, my only sunshine  
You make me happy when skies are grey  
You'll never know dear, how much I love you  
Please don't take my sunshine away  
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You make me happy when skies are grey  
You'll never know dear, how much I love you  
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**Trek Alumni:** William Shatner (Captain Kirk / Denny Crane), John Larroquette (Maltz / Carl Sack), Gary Anthony Williams (ST Video Game Voice Talent / Clarence Bell)



William Shatner portrayed Captain (Admiral) James T. Kirk in Star Trek's original series.



<http://a.abc.com/media/primetime/bostonlegal/images/season/4/bios/williamshatner/gallery/02.jpg>



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Gary Anthony Williams (as Gary Williams) provides his voice talents to the video Game Star Trek: Starfleet Command III.



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