

**Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with Star Trek
Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom for BostonLegal.org Season Four,
Episode 13 (04x13) Glow in the Dark. Airdate: Feb 11, 2008 by Debb from Montreal**

One is for YES and Two is for NO: There were several dialogue nods to Trekkdom worth noting:



Judge Clark Brown (ST alumni *Henry Gibson*) is advised by Jack Ross that he'll assume one gavel means yes and two means no.
http://101.photobucket.com/albums/m67/bbeluga/alow/PDVD_010.iaa



TOS: The Menagerie. Crippled and disfigured by Delta radiation and capable of only responding via a life support wheelchair, Captain Christopher Pike (*Sean Kenney*) responded yes with one beep and no with two beeps.
http://tos.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/1x11/themanagerie_1_054.jpg

Trek references abound in this episode. The first shot across the bow references Fleet Captain Christopher Pike. This is a Star Trek trifecta.

Q: What do Captains Archer, Pike, and Kirk all have in common? **A:** They were all Captains of the Enterprise. They also all have **mirror universe identities** (see Alumni at the end). I

thought the physical resemblance between Judge Brown and Captain Pike also warrants an honourable mention.

Saving the Planet

What do Captain Kirk and Captain Archer have in common? They both have saved the planet. According to Jack Ross, nuclear power plants will save the planet and nuclear bombs will destroy the planet. (the mirror references abound) Remember this dialogue from Generations?

Picard: You're a Starfleet officer. You have a duty!

Kirk: I don't need to be lectured by you. I was out saving the galaxy when your grandfather was in diapers. Besides which, I think the galaxy owes me one.

Do Overs

On Jack Ross's comment to Shirley about wishing life had a "do-over" Again from Generations, we have this observation from James T. Kirk:

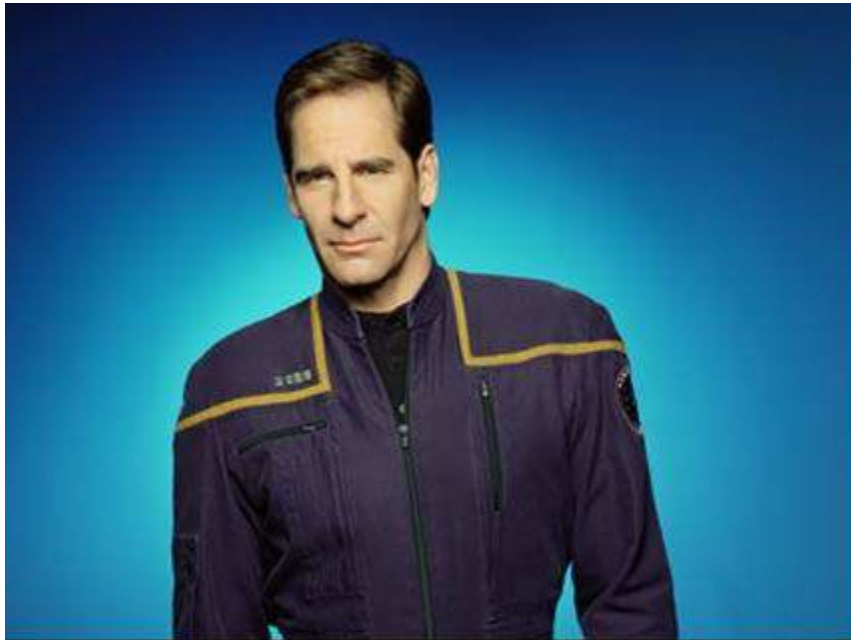
Kirk: This Nexus of yours is very clever. I can start all over again; do things right from day one.

Quotes from Generations: <http://www.hundland.com/scripts/StarTrekGenerations.txt>

Trek Alumni: William Shatner (Denny Crane), John Larroquette (Carl Sack), Henry Gibson (Judge Clark Brown) Scott Bakula (Jack Ross)

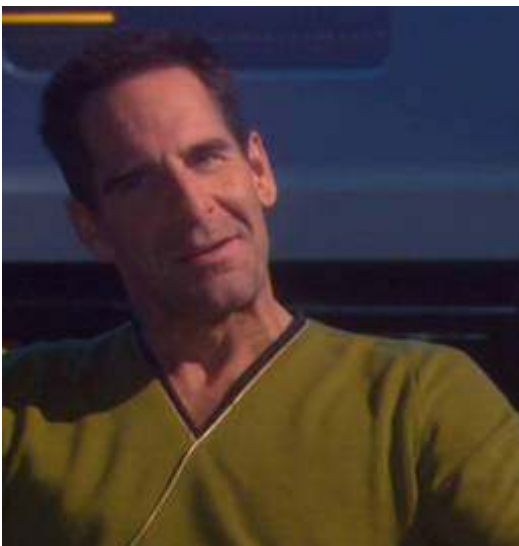
FEATURED ALUMNUS:

Scott Bakula as Captain Jonathan Archer



ENTERPRISE: Scott Bakula portrays Captain Jonathan Archer on the Star Trek prequel "Enterprise"
http://www.skyone.co.uk/images/programme/20/current/ent_23.2.05_char1.jpg

Mirror Universe



ENT: "In a Mirror Darkly" Mirror Archer
http://ent.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/4x19/inamirror_darkly2_152.jpg



TOS: "Mirror Mirror" Mirror Kirk
http://tos.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/2x10/Journey_to_Babel_356.JPG