

**Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with StarTrek  
 Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom for Boston-Legal.org  
 Season Three, Episode 8: (03x08) Lincoln Part 1. Airdate: Nov 26, 2006  
 and Episode 9: (02x09) On the Ledge. Airdate: Nov 28, 2006  
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**Theme 1 - The effeminate villain:** The nefarious Lincoln Meyer can barely hold a candle to Star Trek's TNG's notorious Q. But the comparisons are there. Both characters are effeminate, attracted to older, authoritative type women, essentially good with a criminal streak and, essentially, both are villains. Inasmuch as Q tried to be part of the Star Trek crew, so does Lincoln strive to be part of Crane, Poole, and Schmidt organization. "I insist on being added to the corporate guest list."

Q from the Q Continuum realm, played by the effervescent John de Lancie, was the bane of Captains Jean-Luc Picard and Kathryn Janeway and his attraction to authoritative or older women is only the beginning of the comparison. Like Q, Lincoln Meyers has a penchant for uniform (military and otherwise...)



TNG: "Tapestry" John de Lancie dressed in white and appearing as "God" to Captain Picard.  
[http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/4/48/Q\\_as\\_God.jpg](http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/4/48/Q_as_God.jpg)



"Lincoln Part 1" David Dean Botrell dressed in white tuxedo to appear in a police lineup.  
<http://boston-legal.org/8-lincoln/magicgallery/3x8-boston-legal-39.jpg>



Lincoln Meyer disguised in waiter garb to gain illegal entry into Gracie Jane's hotel room.  
<http://boston-legal.org/8-lincoln/magicgallery/3x8-boston-legal-74.jpg>



VOY: "Q and the Grey" Q dressed in a smoking jacket attempts to seduce Cpt Janeway in her quarters.  
[www.section31.com/images/guide/5/3-11.jpg](http://www.section31.com/images/guide/5/3-11.jpg)



VOY: "Q and the Grey" Q dressed in Starfleet uniform with Cpt Janeway (Kate Mulgrew)  
[www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200303/voy-130-q-janeway-and-tuvok-i/320x240.jpg](http://www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200303/voy-130-q-janeway-and-tuvok-i/320x240.jpg)

**Theme 2 - Being of sound mind and body:** During the TNG episode “Skin of Evil”, Lt. Natasha Yar the androgynous security officer aboard the USS Enterprise is killed in the line of duty. She leaves behind a “holographic will”. It struck me that the character Renée Winger portrayed by Missi Pyle seemed to have a lot in common with Tasha Yar beyond last wills and testaments.



TNG: “Skin of Evil” Lt. Natasha Yar (Denise Crosby) is killed in the line of duty and leaves behind a holographic Last Will and Testament (24<sup>th</sup> century style)  
[www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200307/yar04/320x240.jpg](http://www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200307/yar04/320x240.jpg)

Missi Pyle’s hair style, expression & demeanour is reminiscent of Lt. Natasha Yar. The holographic will further links these characters.  
[www.boston-legal.org/9-ledge/images/3x9-boston-legal-abc-court5.jpg](http://www.boston-legal.org/9-ledge/images/3x9-boston-legal-abc-court5.jpg)

**Theme 3 – Error genous zones:** “Suck on an earlobe”? Good grief! Every Ferengi wannabe watching that scene between Bella and Denny must have had a good chuckle as the earlobes are the erogenous zones for the Ferengi. The act of touching the ears for the purpose of foreplay is referred to as “oo-mox”. The earlobes are erogenous zones for the Ferengi.



DS9: “Prophet Motive” Quark (Armin Shimmerman) receiving “oo-mox” from Emi (Juliana Donald)  
<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/4/44/Oomox.jpg>

DS9: “Prophet Motive” Quark (Armin Shimmerman) receiving with dabo girls.  
[www.justusnerds.com/wp-content/uploads/2006/05/Quark%20%20Dabo%20Girls.jpg](http://www.justusnerds.com/wp-content/uploads/2006/05/Quark%20%20Dabo%20Girls.jpg)

**Theme 4 - Lesbians (again)** Boston Legal seems to have more than its fair share of homosexual or bisexual woman. But Boston Legal hasn't come close to the sizzling kiss between Jadzia Dax and Lenara Kahn on *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, considered one of the most romantic same-sex kisses ever shown on television.



DS9 "Rejoined" Lenara Kahn (Susanna Thompson) and Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax (Terry Farrell)  
[www.justusnerds.com/wp-content/uploads/2006/05/jadzia%204.jpg](http://www.justusnerds.com/wp-content/uploads/2006/05/jadzia%204.jpg)

Speaking of lesbians, Laura Leighton, who portrays Erica Dolenz in "Lincoln", bears an uncanny resemblance to Susanna Thompson (minus the spots).



<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/6/6f/Lenara.jpg>



<http://boston-legal.org/8-lincoln/magicgallery/3x8-boston-legal-2.jpg>



**Theme 5: 6 Degrees of Separation:** The Star Trek series is one of the most parodied series ever spawning numerous skits (ie: SNL) and even a feature length movie “Galaxy Quest”. In a strange “six degrees of separation” we find two of the actors featured in Galaxy Quest also guest starring in Lincoln and On the Ledge.

*A.D.A. Otto Beedle and Renée Winger*



Patrick Breen as Quillek and Missi Pyle as Laliari, Thermian aliens in Galaxy Quest, a movie parody of Star Trek.

[www.alicia-logic.com/capsimages/gg\\_027Laliari.jpg](http://www.alicia-logic.com/capsimages/gg_027Laliari.jpg)  
[http://www.alicia-logic.com/capsimages/gg\\_038Quillek.jpg](http://www.alicia-logic.com/capsimages/gg_038Quillek.jpg)

**Theme 6: Star Trek Alumni:** William Shatner (Denny Crane), René Auberjonois (Paul Lewiston), Michael Ensign (Judge Paul Resnick)

