

David Brian

David Brian was born on August 5, 1914 in New York City. After attending City College, he started his career in show business on the vaudeville and night club circuit. He returned to the New York stage after serving with the Coast Guard during the war. Joan Crawford urged him to try film acting and he signed a contract with Warner Brothers in 1949, debuting in *Flamingo Road* that same year (with Crawford). Brian received critical acclaim for his performance as the defense lawyer in the racially-charged *Intruder in the Dust*. His many other films included *Springfield Rifle* (1952), *Dawn at Socorro* (1954) and *the High and the Mighty* (1954).

He was the third and final actor to portray *Mister District Attorney* on radio, and also brought the character to television in 1954, becoming the crusading district attorney Paul Garrett. Brian also appeared on *Star Trek* (in the episode “Patterns of Force”).

David Brian worked as a fundraiser for the non-profit Volunteers of America. He passed away on July 15, 1993, in Sherman Oaks, California.