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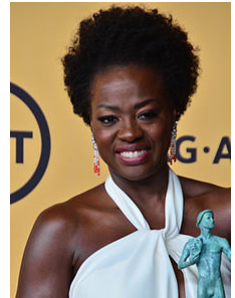
Notes

- a. Jorge Castillo was played by actor José Zúñiga in season 1.

Main characters

Annalise Keating

Professor Annalise Keating (portrayed by Viola Davis) is a hard-hitting, renowned, ambitious, empowered defense lawyer who also teaches classes for students of the exclusive Middleton University.^[1] Keating is a woman of many faces; in public, she is a tough, fierce, successful woman; in private, she struggles with her own setbacks. She is married to psychologist Sam Keating and maintains a stable relationship until she discovers that Sam was having an affair with Lila Stangard, a Middleton sorority girl who had vanished and later her body had been found dead in a water tank. Annalise suspects that Sam is somehow involved in Lila's death, but he denies it, although Annalise continues with her own suspicions. Annalise selects five of her best students to help her with cases in her firm along with her associates Frank Delfino and Bonnie Winterbottom, who are equally audacious. After a fight with Sam during one night, Annalise leaves the house and, while outside, Sam is accidentally killed by four of her students and she subsequently helps them cut and burn Sam's body. Sam is then reported as missing and later as dead. Eventually, Annalise's lover Nate Lahey is pinned for Sam's murder. In the second season, it is revealed that Annalise was overprotective of Rose Edmond, the suicidal mother of Wes Gibbins, one of Annalise's students and probably her favorite due to that fact. Also, Annalise's students and associates get involved in another murder. In the third season, someone sets fire to her house; afterwards, two bodies are found inside the house. One of them is Laurel Castillo, her student, who had small burns, and the other is Wes, who was killed before the fire. Laurel—who was Wes' girlfriend before his death—was revealed to be pregnant with Wes' baby, while Annalise ends up in jail for crimes her fellows committed. She eventually manages to get out of jail and pins the murders on a deceased Wes thanks to a phone call he placed moments before his death. Days later, she writes recommendation letters to Bonnie, Laurel, Michaela, Connor and Asher in order to let them go from her and the law clinic. She gets her license back after being caught with alcohol in her blood and also starts visiting a therapist, Isaac Roa.^[2]



Viola Davis

Nate Lahey

Detective Nate Lahey (portrayed by Billy Brown) is a shrewd, fair and entitled police detective who gets sexually involved with Annalise.^[3] Nate is married to Nia, who was diagnosed with cancer prior to the show's beginning. In the first season, Nate serves as strength for Annalise when the latter is having a hard time. He investigates the night Sam Keating left town for a conference—the same night Lila died—and discovers he went to Yale University and returned to Philadelphia during exactly the same time Lila was killed. Nate omits that fact from Annalise, but eventually reveals to her when they have a fight. By the end of the first season, Nate is charged for Sam's murder. In the second season, Annalise arranges lawyer and her ex-lover Eve Rothlo to take Nate's case. Nia passes away, not before having an awkward conversation with Annalise. Nate is released from his charges; however, he is accused of giving Nia pills so she can die the way she wanted to. He is once again represented by Rothlo. He is eventually released and helps Annalise with the murder of Emily Sinclair. In the third season, Nate and Annalise have another vicious fight and he ends up sleeping with A.D.A. Renee Atwood, the one who was mounting a case against Annalise. However, Nate, realizing that Atwood only hired him to gain intel on Annalise,