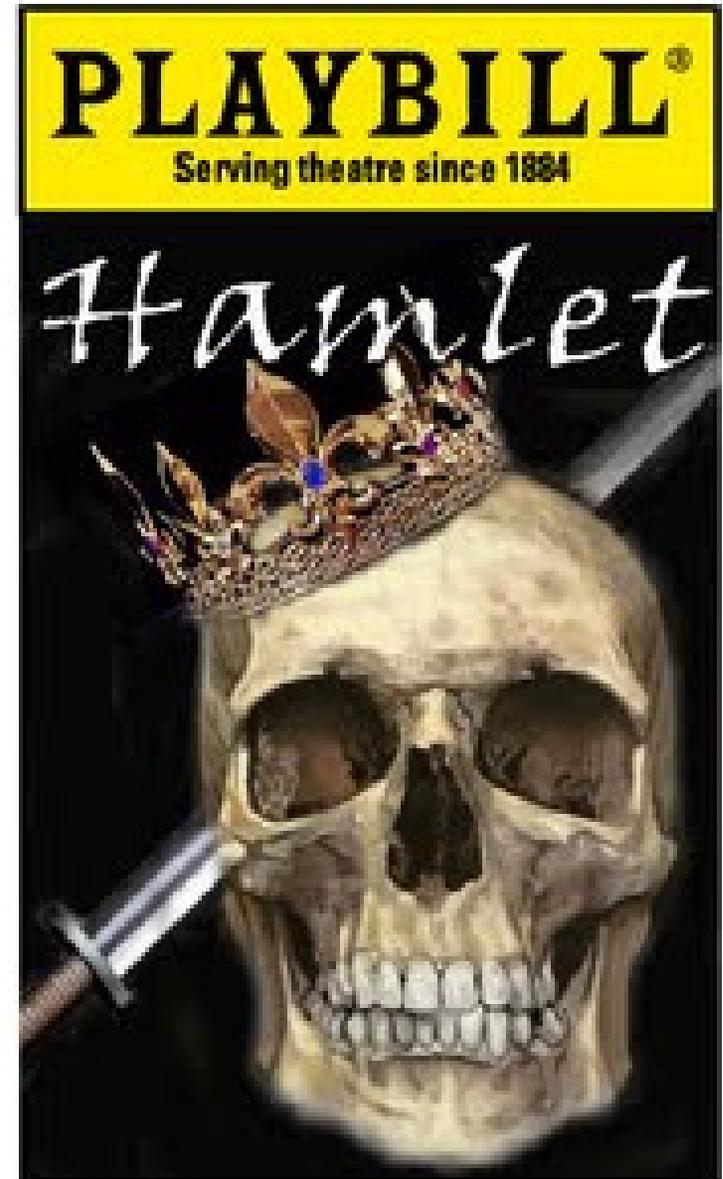


Act IV: *In or near Polonius's office*

Hamlet discovers that Claudius has been letting another client call his own shots on inventorship and that the client's VP of R&D has been named on every patent application the company has filed.

Synopsis of Shakespearean Version

Hamlet, the Prince of Denmark, is devastated by his father King Hamlet's death by snake bite. Hamlet has been having an affair with Ophelia, but she worries they can never marry because she is not of royal blood. One night Hamlet sees the ghost of his father, who tells him that he died not by snake bite but by poison poured in his ear while he napped by his uncle Claudius, who succeeded to the throne and quickly married his wife the queen (Hamlet's mother Gertrude). Hamlet is enraged. He feigns insanity while looking for an opportunity to kill Claudius. One night, Hamlet is chastising his mother for remarrying when he realizes someone is spying on them and stabs the person through a hanging tapestry, thinking it Claudius. He is unsettled when he finds it to be Ophelia's father, Polonius, who worked for King Claudius. Ophelia goes mad when she finds that her true love killed her father and accidentally drowns in a pond. Hamlet avoids a murder plot by Claudius in England, and returns to engage in a duel with Ophelia's brother Laertes, who seeks revenge for his father's and sister's deaths. However, Hamlet does not know that Laertes dipped his sword in poison and that Claudius poisoned a cup of wine meant for Hamlet. Laertes nicks Hamlet, then swords are dropped and switched, and Hamlet cuts Laertes. Hamlet's mother drinks Hamlet's wine and dies. Laertes dies. Hamlet is dying, but before he dies, he stabs Claudius with the poisoned sword, who also dies. Fortinbras, Prince of Norway, arrives with an army to take over leaderless Denmark.



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CAST

Act I: To Be a Lawyer or Not to Be a Lawyer

Moderator: *Frank Porcelli*
Ghost: *Frank Porcelli*
Hamlet: *Steve Koffs*
Horatio: *Yoninah Orenstein*

Act II: To Disclose or Not to Disclose

Moderator: *Candice Hebden*
Hamlet: *Candice Hebden*
Laertes: *Michael Scher*
Polonius: *Serenity Wang*

Act III: To Copy or Not to Copy

Moderator: *Bob Duminiak*
Hamlet: *Michael Scher*
Horatio: *Joe Gribbin*
Lucianus: *Steve Koffs*
Polonius: *Bob Duminiak*

Act IV: The Last Act

Moderator: *Steve Koffs*
Hamlet: *Yoninah Orenstein*
Claudius: *Candice Hebden*
Polonius: *Bob Duminiak*
Ophelia: *Serenity Wang*
Laertes: *Joe Gribbin*
Rosencrantz: *Frank Porcelli*
Guildenstern: *Steve Koffs*
Fortinbras: *Michael Scher*

Act I: *Outside the firm of Claudius, Polonius & Hamlet, in
Elsinore, PA*

The ghost of associate Hamlet's father, a late partner at the firm, tells Hamlet that he had been poisoned by senior partner Claudius and asks Hamlet to investigate Claudius's ethically dubious practices.

Act II: *In Laertes's office*

Hamlet confronts another associate, Laertes, about his questionable disclosure practices.

Act III: *In Polonius's office*

Hamlet discovers that Lucianus, in preparing an application for Large Corp, has been copying material from the specification of an application prepared by Horatio for Small Corp.