

Case closed: Final season of 'Suits' debuts this week

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Case closed: Hold off on the eulogy — “Suits” may be coming to an end, but it’s not there yet.

This is a bittersweet time for fans of USA Network’s flagship series. The hour-long law drama kicks off a new season — its final season — on Wednesday, July 17. And while the series is ending with a shortened run (10 episodes instead of 16), those new episodes couldn’t come fast enough for Team Darvey, especially after the surprise steamy ending of last season’s finale.

The list of series enders that got it right is much shorter than the list of those that didn’t. Hopefully “Suits” will end on a high note (no pressure, right?). But if it doesn’t, the new spinoff series “Pearson” opens the door for possible appearances by “Suits” regulars.

“Pearson” centers on Jessica Pearson (Gina Torres), who left the firm, New York City and the law profession behind when she moved to Chicago in the Season 6 finale. The spinoff makes its debut directly after the “Suits” season premiere.

As for the final season of “Suits,” viewers know by now to expect the unexpected—after all, we’re talking about a show whose storylines have included dramatic takeovers, disbarment, blackmail, prison and plenty of exits.

Speaking of exits, fans will be happy to know that Patrick J. Adams is reprising his role as Mike Ross (and no, there are no new developments on that often-rumored Meghan Markle cameo). But Adams’ big return will only happen midway through the season, when he gets involved in a case against Harvey (Gabriel Macht, “The Good Shepherd,” 2006) and Samantha (Katherine Heigl, “Grey’s Anatomy”). So you’ll just have to keep watching until the very end.

Season 7 kicks off Wednesday, July 17, on USA.

The end is nigh: More bad news, especially if you’re a fan of afterlife comedies, Ted Danson (“Cheers”) and/or Kristen Bell



Gabriel Macht and Katherine Heigl star in “Suits”

(“Veronica Mars”) (who isn’t?): the upcoming season of “The Good Place” will be its last.

That’s right, the end is nigh for the NBC comedy. It’s the latest in a long list of viewer favorites that are bowing out this coming season.

If there’s a silver lining in all this, perhaps it’s the knowledge that the show’s abbreviated lifespan was a deliberate choice and not a forced exit.

As the creative force behind such shows as “Brooklyn Nine-Nine” and “Parks and Recreation” (he also appeared as Dwight’s cousin in “The Office”), creator Michael Schur knows timing is everything in comedy. And

Schur clearly felt the time was right for the recently deceased residents of Neighborhood 12358W to take their final bow.

In a statement posted on Twitter, Schur explained: “Given the ideas we wanted to explore, and the pace at which we wanted to present those ideas, I began to feel like four seasons — just over 50 episodes — was the right lifespan. At times over the past few years we’ve been tempted to go beyond four seasons, but mostly because making this show is a rare, creatively fulfilling joy, and at the end of the day, we don’t want to tread water just because the water is so warm and pleasant.”

Going for ‘Broke’: Picture this scenario: After years of little to no contact, a rich family member shows up at your door and announces they’re suddenly broke. They need your help and a place to stay for a while. Oh, and they also brought along their live-in assistant (and their dog, but you only find out later).

Sound familiar? Well no, probably not. But this riches-to-rags concept is at the heart of the new CBS sitcom “Broke,” coming in the 2019-20 season.

The eye network is betting big that viewers will tune in to watch former “NCIS” star Pauley Perrette make the leap to comedy.

Perrette leads the cast as Jackie, a single mom and bartender who is barely scraping by when her estranged sister, Elizabeth (Natasha Leggero, “Another Period”), arrives with husband Javier (Jaime Camil, “Jane the Virgin”). Cut off from his trust fund, Javier and Elizabeth are hoping to move in with Jackie.

The role of loving, sharp-witted Jackie seems like it might be a good fit for Perrette, whose character Abby Sciuto was a viewer favorite throughout her 15 seasons in “NCIS.” Her final appearance in the procedural drew nearly 15 million viewers.

But many were quick to notice a lack of scenes that featured

Perrette alongside co-star Mark Harmon. Just a few days later, the circumstances surrounding Perrette’s exit came under scrutiny when the actress’s alleged “multiple physical assaults” forced her to leave. And things took an unexpected turn last month when Perrette fired off a series of cryptic tweets, including one stating she was “terrified of Harmon and him attacking me.”

CBS responded with a statement that confirmed Perrette had previously come to them with a “workplace concern.” The network also reiterated its commitment to ensuring “a safe work environment on all our shows.”