



# Character Descriptions

## FEMALE CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

**Elle Woods** (Stage Age 22-25) This leading lady is the head of her UCLA sorority Delta Nu and has a love of fashion and style. When Warner dumps her for not being serious enough, she decides to prove him wrong by going to Harvard Law School. Her pink outfits, blonde hair, and Southern California attitude make her appear less intelligent and an outcast when compared to the prim and proper Harvard community. Elle Woods discredits the classic blonde bimbo stereotype and helps win a court case, graduates at the top of her class, and finds love with Emmett - who appreciates her intelligence and personality. Elle is a very positive person who always sees the best in others and herself. She is loyal, bubbly and honest. Actor should have strong vocal stamina (sings in 16 numbers) and be able to act and dance well. Actor must be comfortable with dogs.

**Paulette Bonafonte** (Stage Age 25-40) A “townie” in Cambridge. Elle’s favorite brassy manicurist who longs for a meaningful romance of her own and loves anything to do with Ireland. Paulette provides sound advice and companionship to Elle. Must have great comic timing; a pronounced New England accent is a plus. Looking for an actor who can sing, move, and be comfortable with dogs.

**Vivienne Kensington** (Stage Age 22-25) Overachieving, smart and savvy law student; Warner’s new girlfriend and fiancé. Intellectually driven, yet feels threatened by Elle’s presence at Harvard. Dismisses Elle as classless at first, but grows to befriend her. Looking for a singer who can act and move.

**Brooke Wyndham** (Stage Age 25-35) A beautifully aging Delta Nu sorority sister who stars in her own line of exercise videos. She is accused of murdering her wealthy husband and refuses to testify in her own defense. Brooke should exude confidence and poise. Actor must be visibly physically fit with excellent cardiovascular strength/endurance; she belts while jumping rope. Looking for an actor who can sing and dance.

**Serena, Pilar, Margot, Kate:** Elle’s Delta Nu sisters. Stereotypical California sorority girls. They admire Elle deeply and will do anything for her. They form a Greek chorus to inspire Elle at Harvard. Some of the wisdom they impart is not exactly astute. Looking for singers and dancers who can act.

**Pilar** (Stage Age 20-25) - Delta Nu sorority sister/Greek Chorus Member. She is the sassy and sensible one.

**Serena** (Stage Age 20-25) - Delta Nu sorority sister/Greek Chorus Member. She is the UCLA cheerleader who has spunk and isn’t afraid to tell everyone her opinion. She is also Jewish.

**Margot** (Stage Age 20-25) - Delta Nu sorority sister/Greek Chorus Member. She is the man hungry, seemingly dim-witted one. Actor must be comfortable with dogs.

**Kate** (Stage Age 22- 25) - Delta Nu sorority sister/Greek Chorus Member. She is the smart and nerdy one who is education chair at Delta-Nu. She helps Elle prepare for the LSAT.

**Delta Nu Sisters/Greek Chorus:** (Stage Age 22- 25) Quinn, Addison, Leilani, Avery, Dana, Gaelen, Harper— These girls are part of the Delta Nu’s/Greek Chorus. They may double as some ensemble characters as well.

**Enid Hoopes** - (Stage Age 22-27) Harvard law student and extreme feminist. An outspoken personality - active in Greenpeace and organizes protests against insensitive cartoons -man-hater. Actor must be comfortable playing possible lesbian stereo-types. Looking for an actor who can sing and move.

**Chutney Wyndham** (Stage Age 25- 35) Stepdaughter to Brook Wyndham. She dislikes that her “murdered” father married a woman younger than her. Smaller featured “character role” who will also be an ensemble member throughout show.



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**FEMALE ENSEMBLE CHARACTERS** (Stage Age 18- 60) - Ensemble characters will be used multiple times throughout the entire production. Many have featured solos and/or lines. Looking for actors and singers who can dance and move. Some ensemble female characters will include:

- **Mrs. Woods** (Stage Age 48-60) Elle's classy & supportive mom.
- **Whitney** - Vivienne's best friend who has a party at her apartment. Will also be a Delta Nu.
- Store Clerk #1, Store Manager, Front of Store Cashier, Perfume Clerk #1 and #2
- District Attorney Joyce Riley, Judge, Reporter, Stenographer, and Jurors
- Restaurant, Mall and Beauty Shop Patrons (Bookish Client)
- Harvard Law Professors and Students
- Inmates
- Sabrina - (Featured in Brooke's Video)
- **\*\*Drummers** (The Team is looking for two marching band drummers to be featured in *What you Want.*)

## **MALE CHARACTER BREAKDOWN**

**Emmett Forrest** (Stage Age 24-27) One of Harvard's top law students from Roxbury, Ma area; editor of the Harvard Law Review and Callahan's Teaching Assistant. Goal-oriented, at the cost of his social skills. He takes an early interest in Elle, and remains interested throughout the story- giving her advice and tutoring help. Eventually falls in love with Elle. Emmett is charming and friendly. Looking for a singer who can act and move.

**Warner Huntington III** (Stage Age 22-25) Charming, confident and good-looking law student who wants to be a senator someday; Elle's ex-boyfriend. Plastic charm. His self-centered nature destroys everything that he could have had with Elle. Looking for an actor who can sing and move.

**Professor Callahan** (Stage Age 40-60) A self-important and manipulative law professor at Harvard. He objectifies Elle. Callahan should be both charismatic and conniving. Nearly devoid of morals, and aims to rid his students of their scruples. Looking for an actor who can sing and move.

**Kyle** (Stage Age 25-45) The UPS guy. Paulette's Salon is on his route, and they are smitten with one another. Looking for a muscular, highly masculine individual with a matching speaking voice. Smaller role but will also be an ensemble member throughout the show. Actor must be comfortable with dogs. Irish step dances in *Legally Blonde Remix* –doubles in the ensemble.

**Dewey** (Stage Age 30-50) - Paulette's ex-boyfriend. Red neck. Lazy. Not very nice to Paulette. Smaller role but actor will double in the ensemble.

**Sundeep Padaman** (Stage Age 22-27) - New Harvard law student. Was royalty in his home country until his government was overthrown. Attending Harvard primarily to network and gain allies to assist in taking back his throne. Looking for a singer who can act and dance. Actor will also double in the ensemble.

**Aaron Schultz** (Stage Age 22-27) - A new Harvard Law Student and multi-millionaire. Ridiculously accomplished and sure of himself, despite a bit of social awkwardness. Looking for a singer who can act and dance. Actor will also double in the ensemble.

**Mr. Woods "Elle's Dad"** (Stage Age: 48-60) Elle's wealthy, "country club" father. He loves his daughter and although he would rather have Elle stay in California, he is willing to pay for Elle to attend Harvard Law if she gets in. Comes to support her during her first trial. Looking for a singer who can act and move.



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**Carlos/Nikos** (Stage Age 25-35) A same-sex couple who are laying low until an opportune moment. Nikos, Brooke's pool boy alleges he had an affair with Brooke Wyndam until Carlos outs him. Looking for stylish (European-style) gentlemen in excellent shape who can dance. Carlos sings while Nikos has scene work. Both actors will also double in the ensemble.

**Winthrop, Lowell, and Pforzheimer** (Stage Age 35-55) Harvard Admissions Council Members who evaluate Elle's entrance into Harvard. Winthrop does not think Elle should be granted entrance while Lowell and Pforzheimer try to convince him otherwise. They are featured in the last part of *What You Want*. These actors need to be able to sing and move and will double in the ensemble.

**Grand Master Chad** (Stage Age 18-24) "Jamaican Me Crazy" Reggae Rapper/Hip Hop Dancer. Featured singer/dancer in *What You Want* number. Looking for an actor who can sing and dance. Will double in the ensemble.

**MALE ENSEMBLE CHARACTERS** (18 - 60 years old) Ensemble characters will be used multiple times throughout the entire production. Many have featured solos and/or lines. Looking for actors and singers who can dance and move. Ensemble male characters will include:

- KiKi - Hair Colorist
- UCLA Frat Boys – Dancers (Hip Hop a plus!)
- Restaurant, Beauty Shop Patrons
- Harvard Law Professors and Students
- Jurors and Bailiff
- Suit Salesmen
- "Bend and Snap" male on-lookers and dancers
- Dancers in Brooke's Video – jump rope ability
- \*\*Drummers (The Team is looking for two marching band drummers to be featured in *What you Want*.)