

“that’s what she said”

a ford & harrison blog about the popular television series “the office”

Drum Roll, Please

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To prepare us for next week’s season premiere of The Office, NBC concludes the summer rerun schedule with a replay of last season’s [finale](#). The [intrigue](#) and [chicanery](#) surrounding the search committee’s efforts have been well documented in prior posts dating back to the [spring](#). And, my fellow bloggers and I have thoroughly vetted both the internal candidates to succeed Michael Scott (including [Kelly Kapoor](#), [Dwight Schrute](#), [Darryl Philbin](#) and [Andy Bernard](#)) and the outsiders who were interviewed (such as [David Brent](#), [Fred Henry](#) and [Robert California](#)). Now, with changes to the show’s [cast](#) well known, it’s all over but the [shouting](#). (Somebody give me a “BOBODDY!”)

The ascendancy of a new regional manager in Scranton will almost certainly change the workplace “vibe” at Dunder Mifflin. Compared to the ostentatious style of [Steve Carell](#)’s beloved character, [James Spader](#)’s alter ego will likely seem brusque. But, so long as Robert California treats everyone with the same degree of condescension, the risk of employment litigation should be no greater than it was before. Then again, if Pennsylvania were to become one of the growing number of [states](#) to propose laws against [workplace bullying](#), we could soon see the case of Kevin Malone, et al. v. Sabre filed in the [Common Pleas Court](#). We’ll have to watch the upcoming episodes before trying to quantify that potential liability.

History teaches us that the person who is chosen to lead the search for a candidate sometimes becomes the [candidate](#). With that possibility in mind, and given Robert California’s anticipated elevation to the C-suite, might this nameplate soon be moving to an exterior office with a window?

Tune in for the new season, and we’ll all find out together!

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