

“BETTER CALL SAUL” GETS FIRST TEASER

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Saul Goodman, the beloved (or not) and morally ambiguous lawyer from TV juggernaut Breaking Bad, gave fans a tiny piece of what's to come in a **10 second teaser** for the upcoming spin-off, Better Call Saul. It may not be much of a trailer (hence the word “teaser”), but it's enough to whet any Breaking Bad/Saul fan's appetite, or at least pique some interest. The short clip shows Saul (Bob Odenkirk) trying to solicit new clients, comparing having a lawyer to having health insurance.

Imminent Spin-Off

Towards the end of *Breaking Bad*, creator Vince Gilligan had already been talking about a spin-off. Most were wondering how a spin-off could possibly happen without Walter White/Heisenberg (Bryan Cranston) and Jesse Pinkman (Adrian Paul), but seeing how rich Saul's character was, those reservations were mildly put to rest. The jury is still out on the spin-off though, with **debates on whether it's worth exploring**. But Gilligan thinks the concept is strong enough to stand on its own, "I like the idea of a lawyer show in which the main lawyer will do anything it takes to stay out of a court of law. He'll settle on the courthouse steps, whatever it takes to stay out of the courtroom. That would be fun—I would like that."

Serving as a prequel to *Breaking Bad*, the producers were strongly considering the option of giving the show a half-hour format, but decided on making it an hour long. The show will also utilize times jumps to push the story along. Set in 2002, it will focus on Saul six years before appearing on his parent series.



Saul gets his own show...of course. (aceshowbiz.com)

Casting

Bob Odenkirk, who brought the titular character of the show to full form, will of course star in the role. Jonathan Banks who played the hard-nosed go to fixer, Mike Ehrmantraut, will reprise his role as well. There had been talks of other Breaking Bad characters who'd be making appearances in the show, but that's what they are... just talks. Paul and Dean Norris (Hank Schrader) will not be appearing on the show. Anna Gunn (Skyler White), however, has mentioned "talks" with Breaking Bad creator Vince Gilligan about possible guest appearances. Bryan Cranston (Walter White) also hinted at making a cameo. There were mentions of the show sometimes overlapping in Breaking Bad's timeline, so maybe that's where their appearances will come in.

With Odenkirk and Banks being the only original characters from Breaking Bad, new characters will obviously have to be added to put some flesh on the show. Michael McKean, who has previously acted with Odenkirk on his show *Mr. Show*, will be portraying his brother Chuck. Other castmates will include Rhea Seehorn, Michael Mando and Patrick Fabian.



Saul (Bob Odenkirk) gets to bring his brother, Chuck (Michael McKean) along for the ride. (aintitcool.com)

The show plans to move away from the tone of its predecessor, being a comedy-drama television series.

The Future

Whether or not the first season of the show is a success, it's sophomore season won't be a problem. It was announced earlier this year that [the show was already renewed for a second season](#), making it one of, if not the only show to be renewed without a single episode being aired. This should put a hefty pressure on creators Gilligan and Peter Gould, who will have to make Season 1 stand strong enough to carry through to the second season. In any case, expectations are high. For now, we'll just have to be satisfied with the show's actual website, [made to look like Saul's real site](#)...sleazy and all.

Better Call Saul is scheduled to premiere on AMC in February 2015.



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