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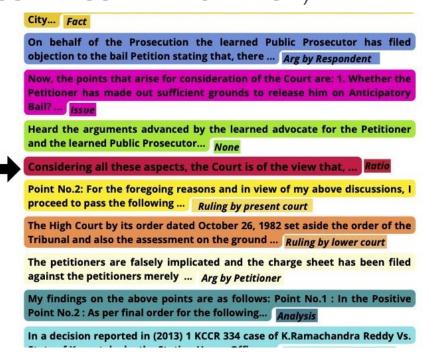
(SemEval-2023 Task 6)

Motivation

- **Legal texts are different from commonly occurring texts** typically used to train NLP models which make it difficult to apply existing NLP models and techniques directly
- Calls for the development of **legal domain-specific techniques**
- **3 shared subtasks** -> building blocks in **developing legal AI applications**
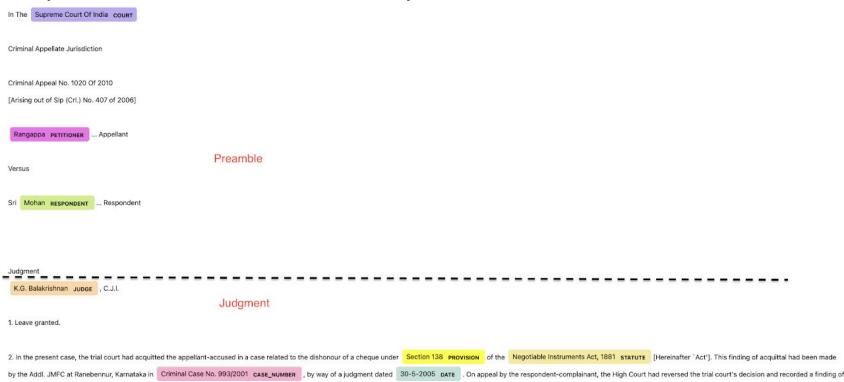
Sub-task A: Rhetorical Roles Prediction (RR)

The task is to segment a given legal document by **predicting the rhetorical role label for each sentence** (**MULTI-CLASS CLASSIFICATION TASK**).

IN THE COURT OF THE V ADDL SESSIONS JUDGE, MYSORE. Dated this the 23rd day of May 2013 … The Petitioner is a businessman and he is permanent resident of Mysore City… On behalf of the Prosecution the learned Public Prosecutor has filed objection to the bail Petition stating that, there …Now, the points that arise for consideration of the Court are: 1. Whether the Petitioner has made out sufficient grounds to release him on Anticipatory Bail? … Heard the arguments advanced by the learned advocate for the Petitioner and the learned Public Prosecutor…Considering all these aspects, the Court is of the view that, …Point No.2: For the foregoing reasons and in view of my above discussions, I proceed to pass the following …The High Court by its order dated October 26, 1982 set aside the order of the Tribunal and also the assessment on the ground …The petitioners are falsely implicated and the charge sheet has been filed against the petitioners merely …My findings on the above points are as follows: Point No.1 : In the Positive Point No.2 : As per final order for the following…In a decision reported in (2013) 1 KCCR 334 case of K.Ramachandra Reddy Vs. State of Karnataka by the Station House Officer…The decision of the Andhra Pradesh High Court … are not relevant for purposes of deciding the question which has arisen before us…

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City… **Fact**

On behalf of the Prosecution the learned Public Prosecutor has filed objection to the bail Petition stating that, there … **Arg by Respondent**

Now, the points that arise for consideration of the Court are: 1. Whether the Petitioner has made out sufficient grounds to release him on Anticipatory Bail? … **Issue**

Heard the arguments advanced by the learned advocate for the Petitioner and the learned Public Prosecutor… **None**

Considering all these aspects, the Court is of the view that, … **Ratio**

Point No.2: For the foregoing reasons and in view of my above discussions, I proceed to pass the following … **Ruling by present court**

The High Court by its order dated October 26, 1982 set aside the order of the Tribunal and also the assessment on the ground … **Ruling by lower court**

The petitioners are falsely implicated and the charge sheet has been filed against the petitioners merely … **Arg by Petitioner**

My findings on the above points are as follows: Point No.1 : In the Positive Point No.2 : As per final order for the following… **Analysis**

In a decision reported in (2013) 1 KCCR 334 case of K.Ramachandra Reddy Vs.

Sub-task B: Legal Named Entities Extraction (L-NER)

NER (NAMED ENTITY RECOGNITION) TASK

In The Supreme Court Of India COURT

Criminal Appellate Jurisdiction

Criminal Appeal No. 1020 Of 2010

[Arising out of Slp (Crl.) No. 407 of 2006]

Rangappa PETITIONER ... Appellant

Preamble

Versus

Sri Mohan RESPONDENT ... Respondent

Judgment

K.G. Balakrishnan JUDGE , C.J.I.

Judgment

1. Leave granted.

2. In the present case, the trial court had acquitted the appellant-accused in a case related to the dishonour of a cheque under Section 138 PROVISION of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 STATUTE [Hereinafter `Act']. This finding of acquittal had been made by the Addl. JMFC at Ranebennur, Karnataka in Criminal Case No. 993/2001 CASE_NUMBER , by way of a judgment dated 30-5-2005 DATE . On appeal by the respondent-complainant, the High Court had reversed the trial court's decision and recorded a finding of

Sub-task C: Court Judgement Prediction with Explanation (CJPE)

Given a legal judgment document -

- **predicting the outcome** (**binary**: accepted or denied) of the case **(BINARY CLASSIFICATION TASK).**
- providing an explanation for the prediction in the form of **relevant sentences in the document** that contribute to the decision **(SENTENCE SELECTION TASK)**.

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Task C-1 Legal Judgment Prediction (LJP)

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Task C-2 Court Judgement Prediction & Explanation

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