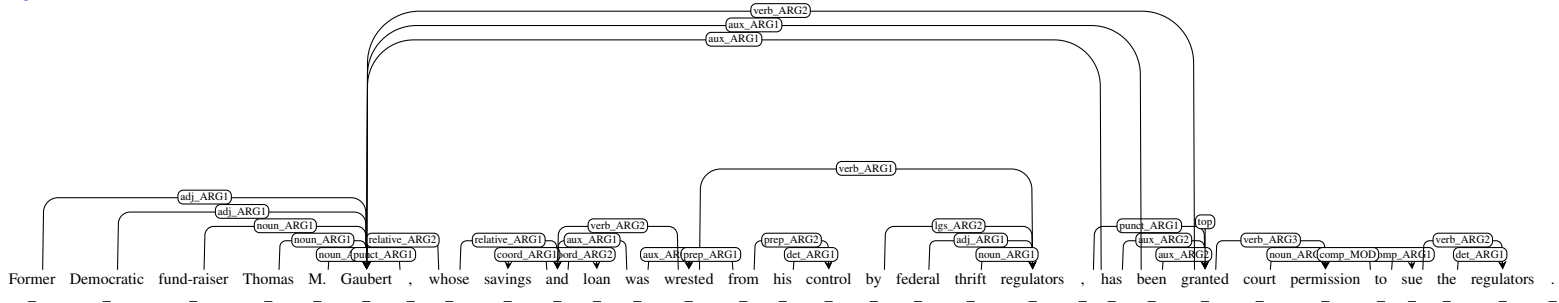
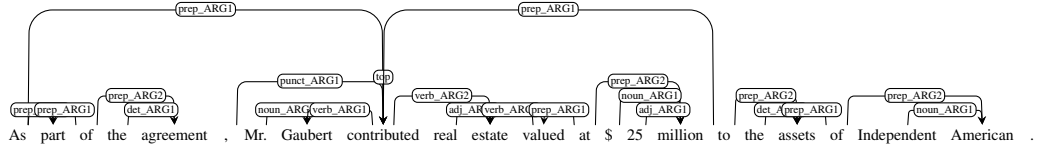


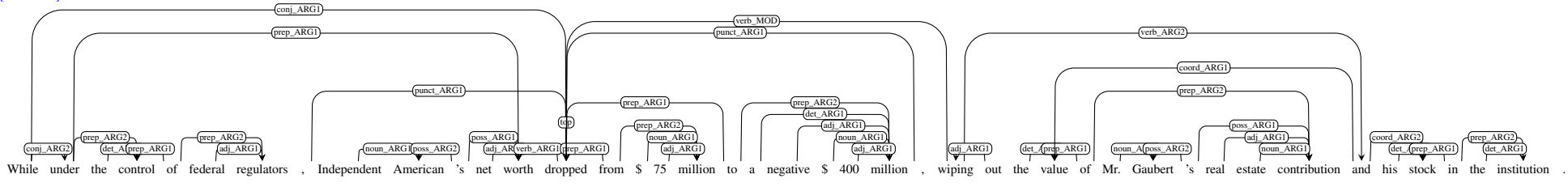
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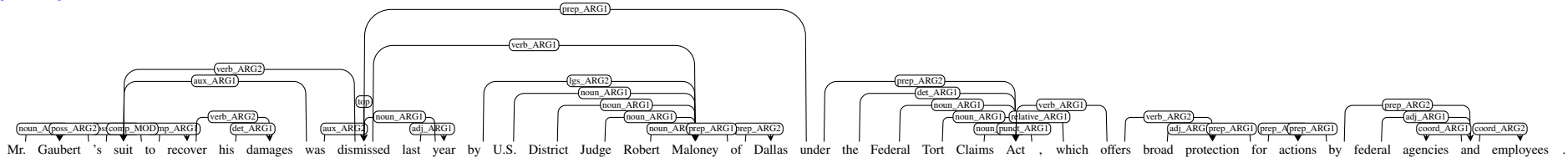
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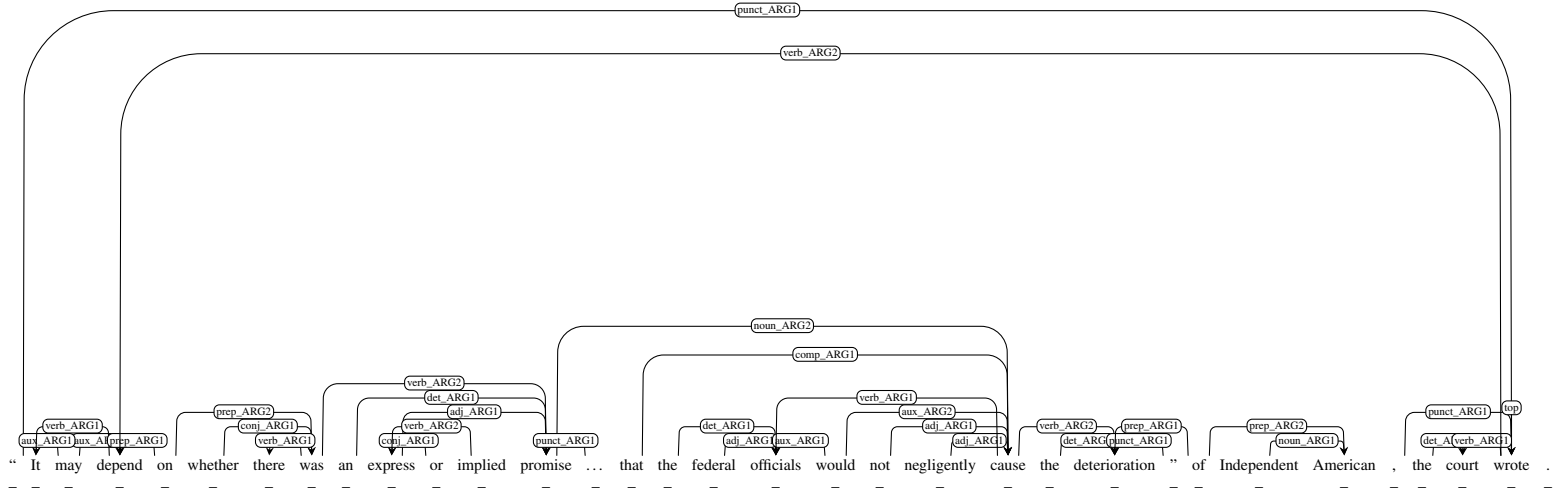
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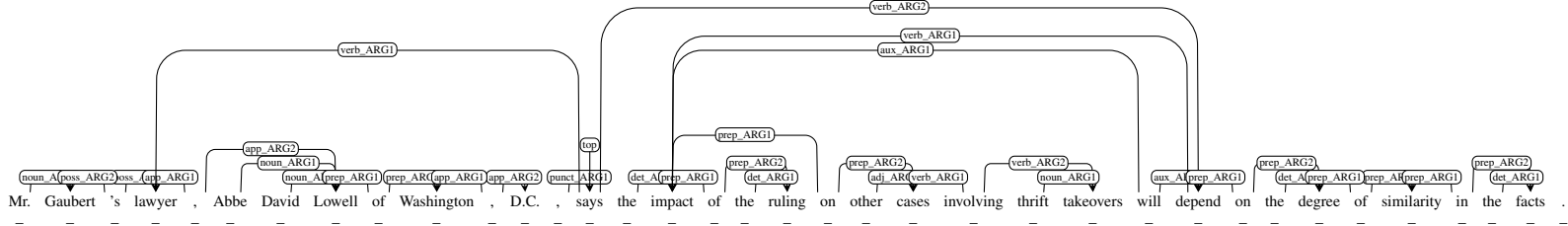
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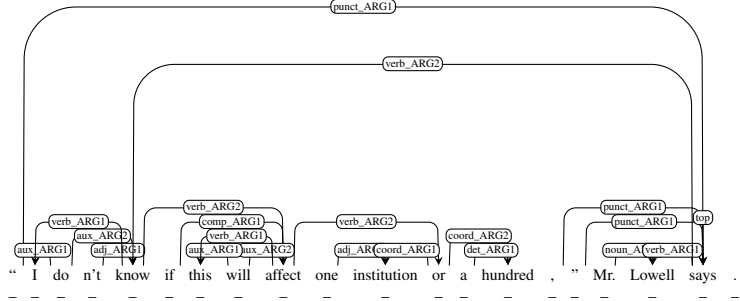
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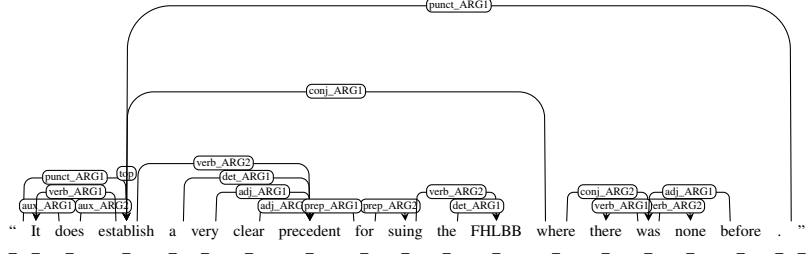
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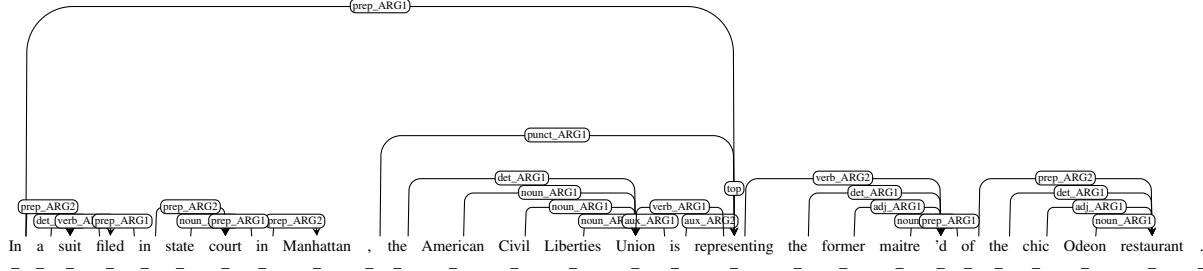
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[21692014]

The suit , which seeks compensatory and punitive damages of \$ 1 million , alleges that the firing of Marcia Trees Levine violated New York state 's human-rights law .

[21692015]

Among other things , the law prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and pregnancy .

[21692016]

The suit alleges that Ms. Levine was fired after she refused to accept a lower paying , less visible job upon reaching her sixth month of pregnancy .

[21692017]

Ms. Levine told her employer that she was pregnant in February ; a month later , the suit says , the restaurant manager told Ms. Levine that she would be demoted to his assistant because he felt customers would be uncomfortable with a pregnant maitre 'd .

[21692021]

Ms. Moss said Ms. Levine secretly taped many conversations with her bosses at the Odeon in which they told her she was being fired as maitre 'd because she was pregnant .

[21692022]

Paul H. Aloe , an attorney for Odeon owner Keith McNally , denied the allegations .

[21692023]

He said Ms. Levine had never been fired , although she had stopped working at the restaurant .

[21692025]

Mr. Aloe said the Odeon " has no policy against hiring pregnant people " .

[21692027]

Lawyers representing five of the seven defendants in the case say their clients can no longer afford their services .

[21692028]

The trial of the case lasted seven months and ended in September with a hung jury .

[21692029]

The defendants were indicted two years ago on charges that they conspired to defraud five thrifths of more than \$ 130 million through a complicated scheme to inflate the price of land and condominium construction along Interstate 30 , east of Dallas .

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Some of the lawyers say they would continue to represent their clients if the government pays their tab as court-appointed lawyers .

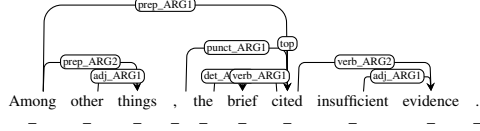
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Assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Hart of Dallas says the government will oppose any efforts to bring in a new defense team because it would delay a retrial .

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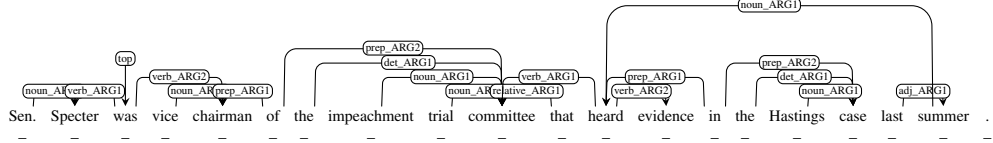
FEDERAL JUDGE ALCEE HASTINGS of Florida , facing impeachment , received an unanticipated boost yesterday .

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Among other things, the brief cited insufficient evidence.

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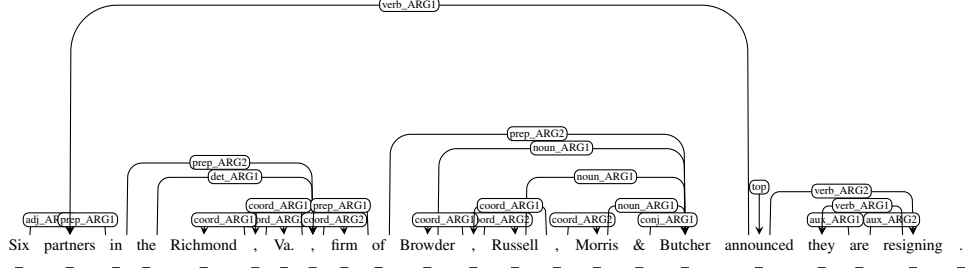
Sen. Specter was vice chairman of the impeachment trial committee that heard evidence in the Hastings case last summer.

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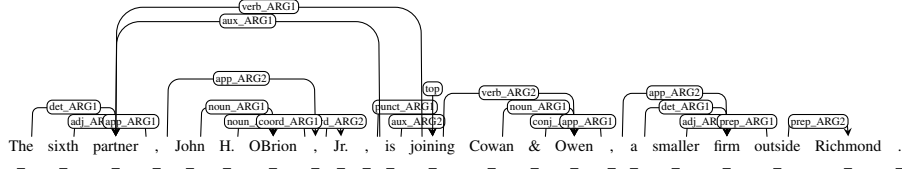
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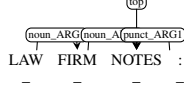
Six partners in the Richmond, Va., firm of Browder, Russell, Morris & Butcher announced they are resigning.

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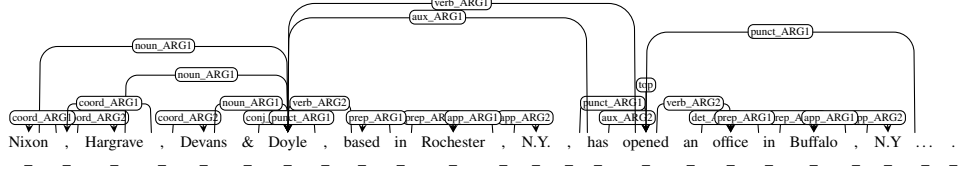
The sixth partner, John H. O'Brien, Jr., is joining Cowan & Owen, a smaller firm outside Richmond.

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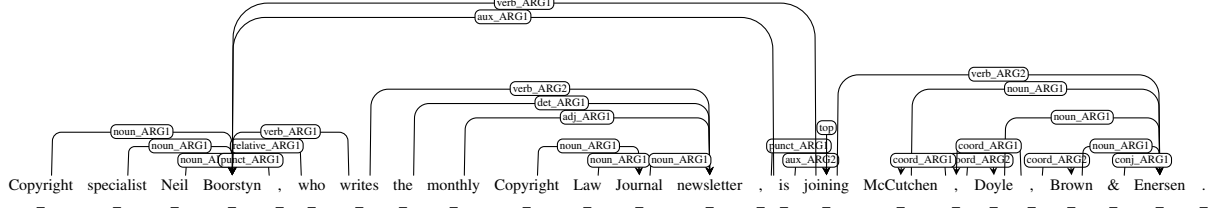
LAW FIRM NOTES:

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Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle, based in Rochester, N.Y., has opened an office in Buffalo, N.Y.

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Copyright specialist Neil Boorstyn, who writes the monthly Copyright Law Journal newsletter, is joining McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen.