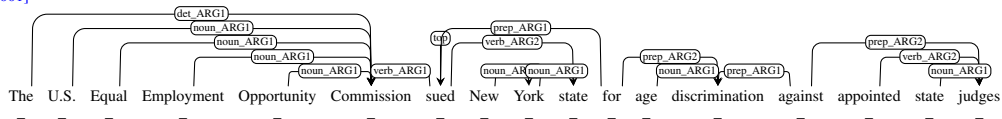
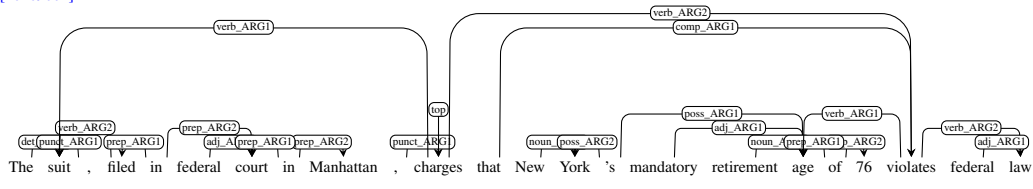


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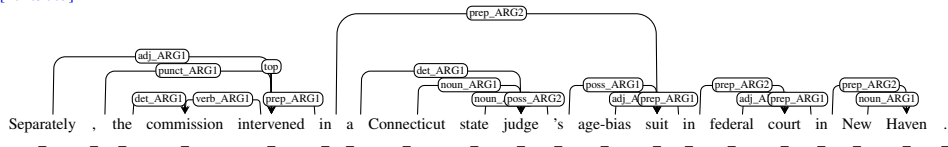
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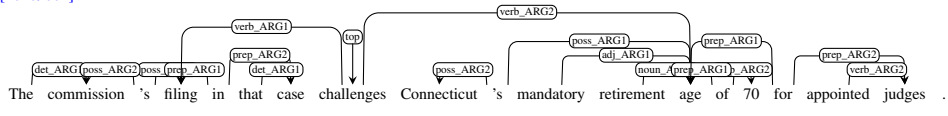
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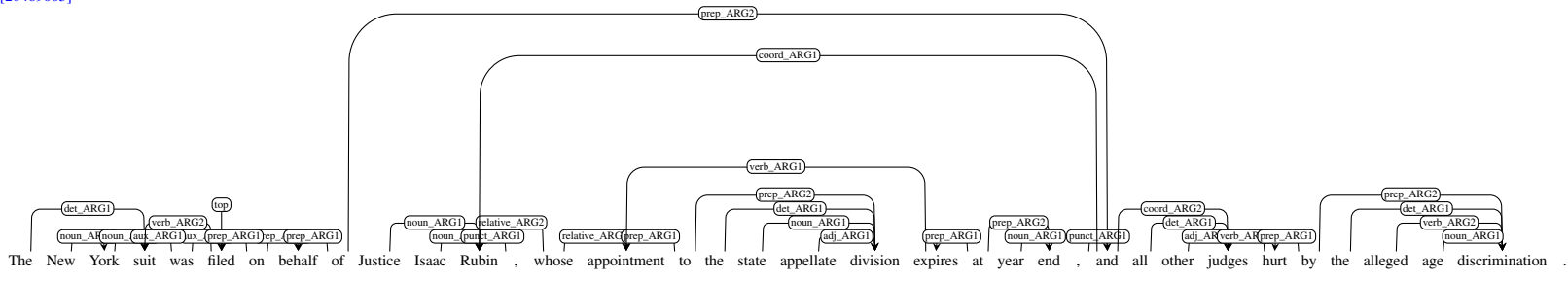
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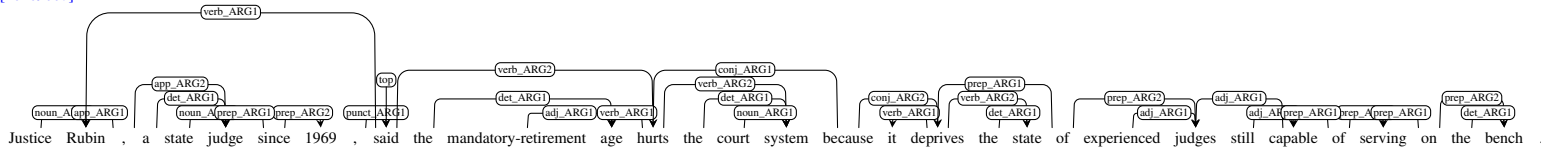
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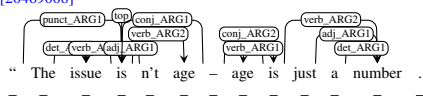
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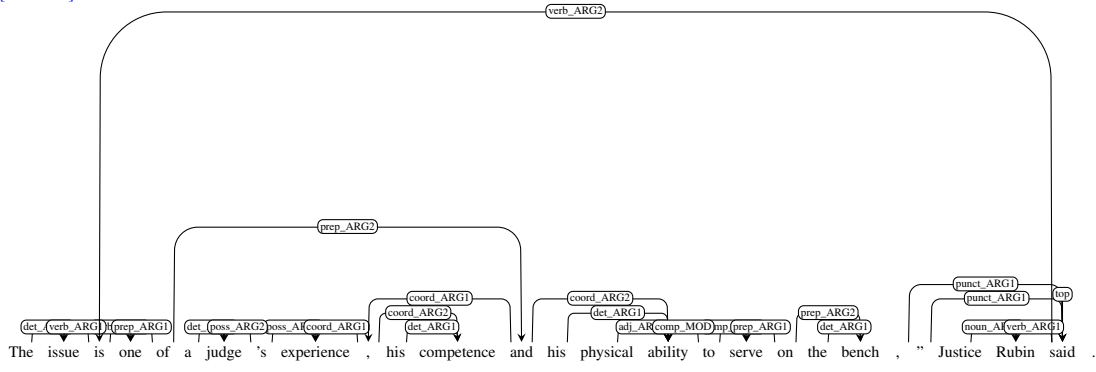
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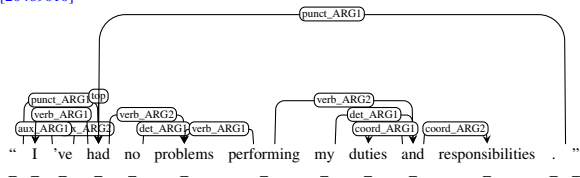
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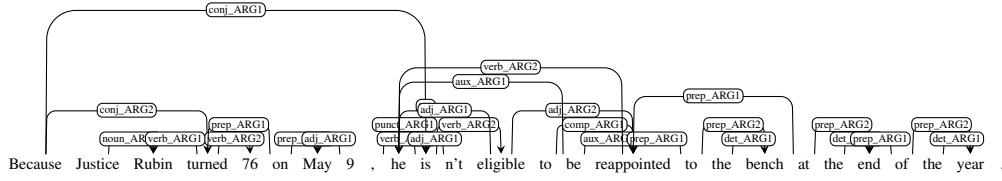
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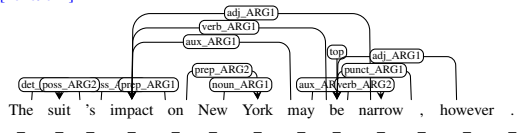
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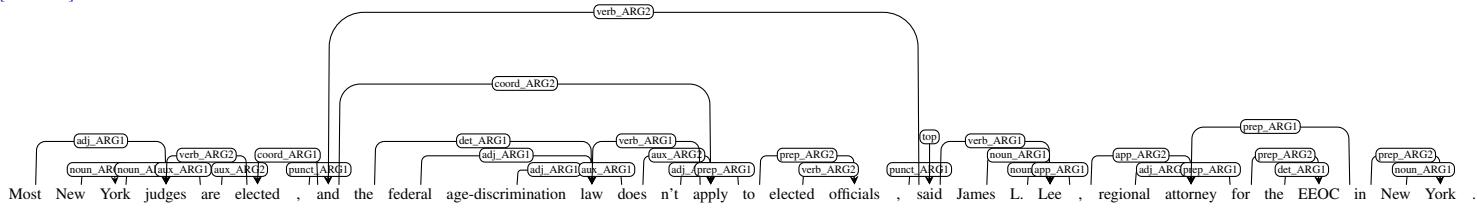
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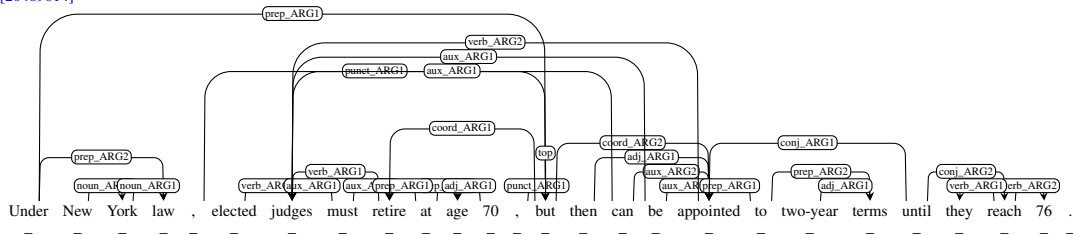
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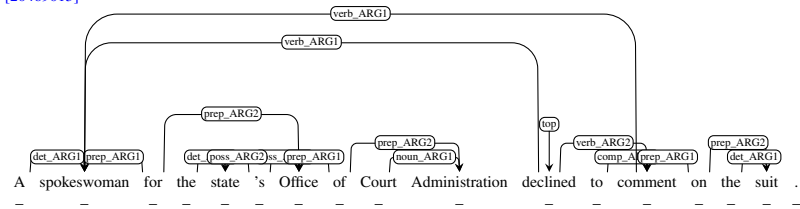
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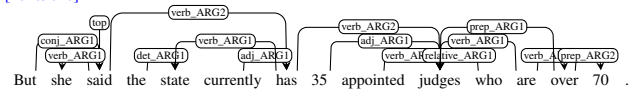
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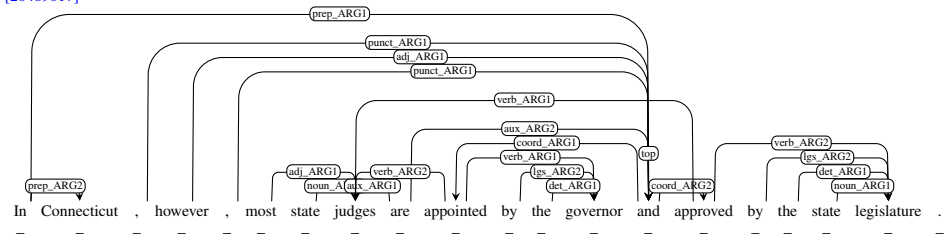
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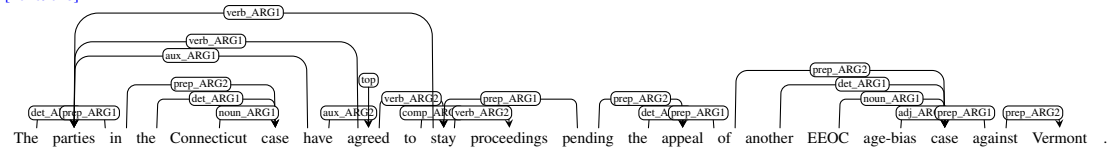
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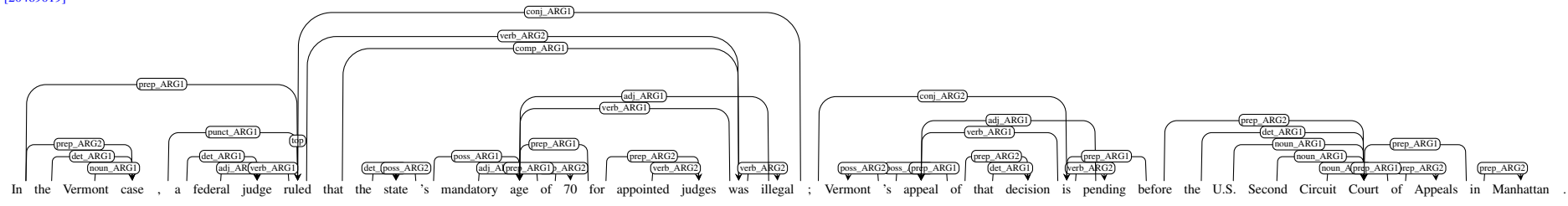
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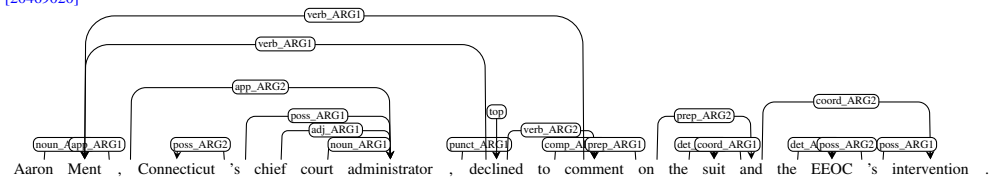
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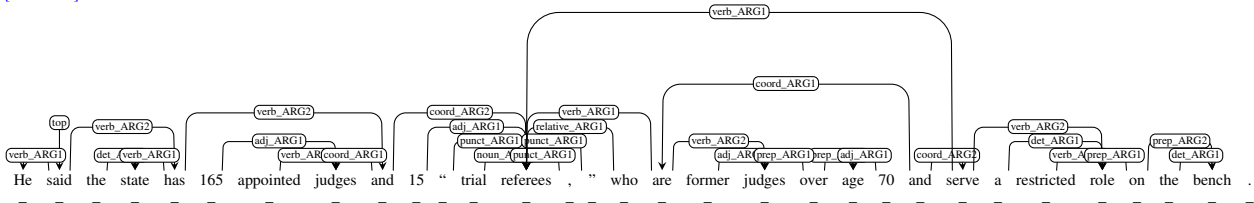
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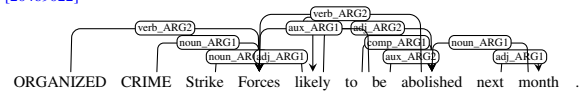
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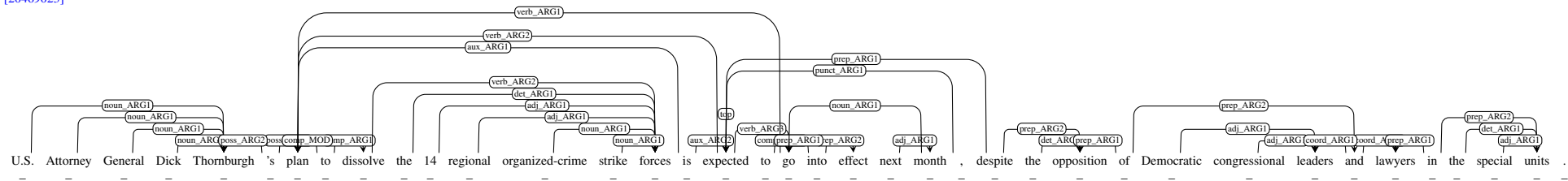
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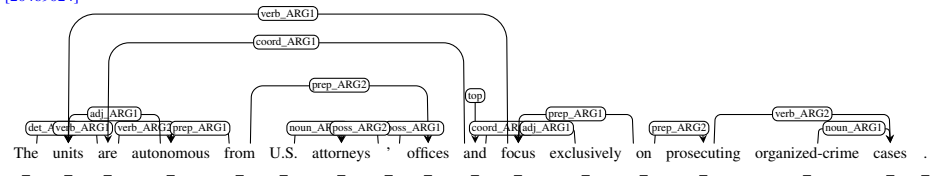
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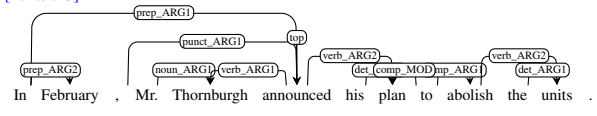
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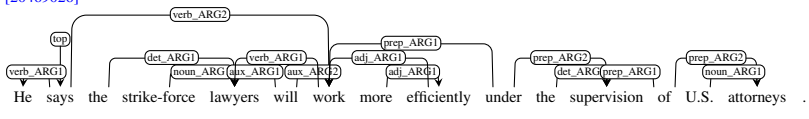
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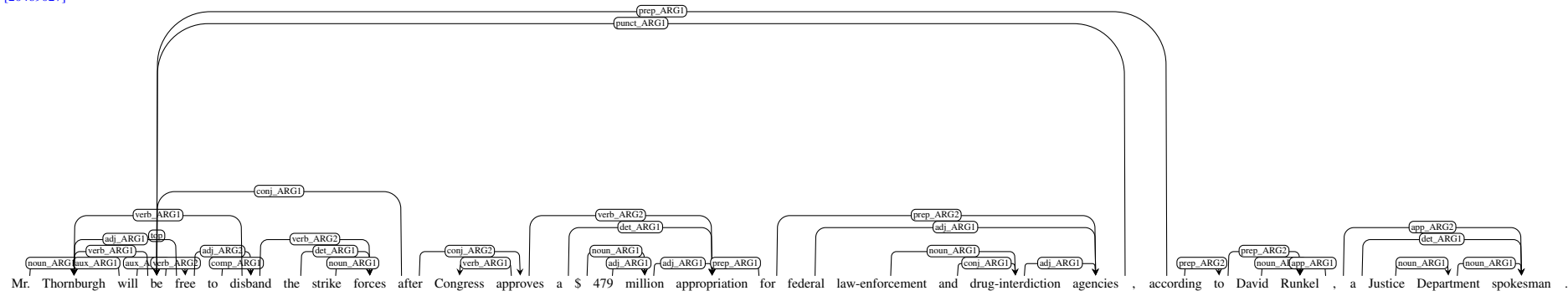
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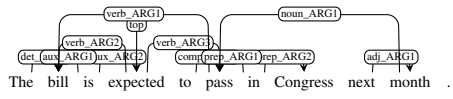
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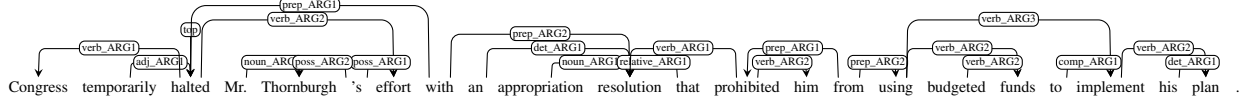


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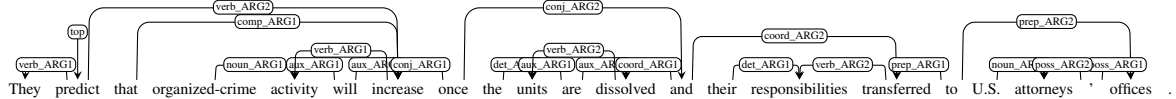
The bill is expected to pass in Congress next month .

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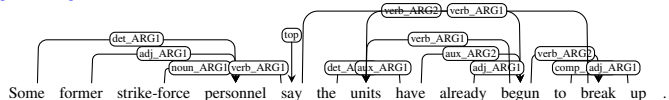
Congress temporarily halted Mr. Thornburgh's effort with an appropriation resolution that prohibited him from using budgeted funds to implement his plan .

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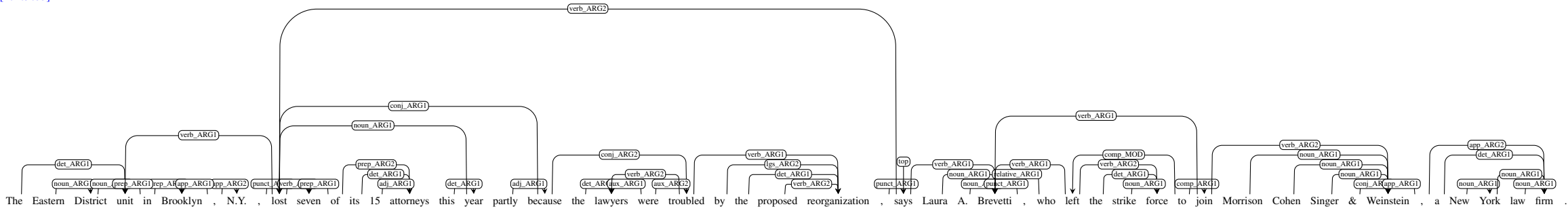
They predict that organized-crime activity will increase once the units are dissolved and their responsibilities transferred to U.S. attorneys' offices .

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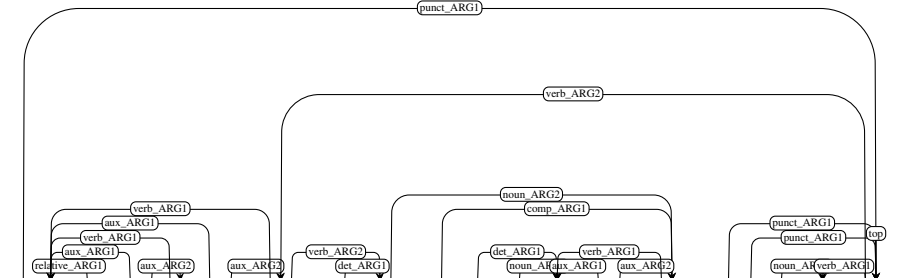
Some former strike-force personnel say the units have already begun to break up .

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The Eastern District unit in Brooklyn, N.Y., lost seven of its 15 attorneys this year partly because the lawyers were troubled by the proposed reorganization, says Laura A. Brevetti, who left the strike force to join Morrison Cohen Singer & Weinstein, a New York law firm .

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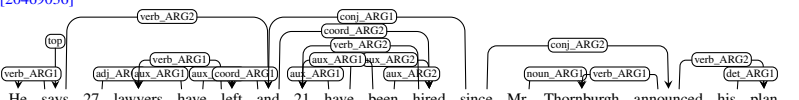
" Those who have left have expressed an opinion that the strike force should continue , " Ms. Brevetti says .

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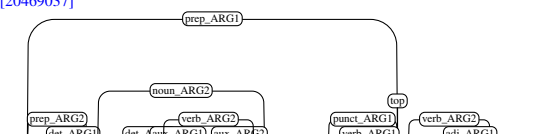
But Mr. Runkel contends there has been no exodus of strike-force lawyers .

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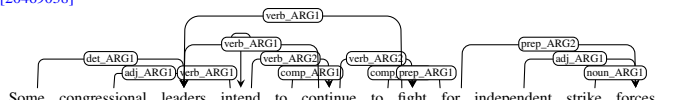
He says 27 lawyers have left and 21 have been hired since Mr. Thornburgh announced his plan .

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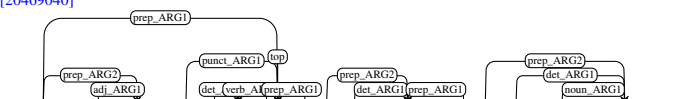
At the time the plan was announced , there were 135 lawyers .

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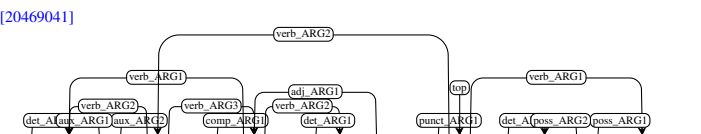
Some congressional leaders intend to continue to fight for independent strike forces .

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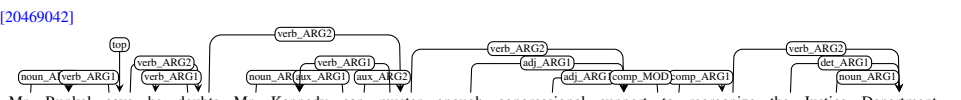
Among other things , the bill calls for a reorganization of the Justice Department .

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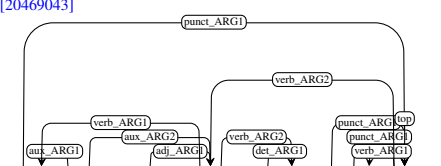
The Senate is expected to consider the bill shortly , says the senator's spokesman .

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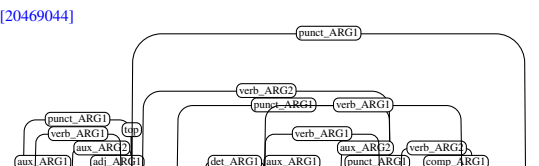
Mr. Runkel says he doubts Mr. Kennedy can muster enough congressional support to reorganize the Justice Department .

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" We will vigorously oppose the bill , " he says .

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" I do n't think ( the reorganization is ) going to happen . "

[20469047]

