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This concise guide provides instruction for foreign legal practitioners or advanced LLM students on the basics of the U.S. legal system and the process of legal reasoning, using substantive topics in U.S. law as example. The book also provides special focus on contracts, torts, and trade law. In these areas, you'll find an outline of the law in the U.S., and central concepts of relevance to that area of law today
