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practical effects of legal rules, The Measure of Injury is a unique treatise on torts that uncovers the public and cultural dimensions of

this always-controversial domain of private law.