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justice.

Sommario/riassunto

This book looks at the U.S. Middle District Court of Florida, which represents about 1/2 of Florida's population and is one of the busiest courts in the state, interpreting and applying Supreme Court decisions in cases such as the Terry Schaivo "right to die" case.
