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Sommario/riassunto	This book provides an empirical study on the economic impact of large

commercial court cases in five European countries: Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, and Norway. It investigates the volume, value, and duration of these cases, highlighting the significant economic activity 'paralyzed' by legal disputes. The study emphasizes the importance of an efficient judiciary for economic performance and identifies areas for improvement in each country's judicial system. It presents unique data on the financial stakes in commercial litigation and analyzes case descriptions to understand the performance differences across jurisdictions. The collaboration between the European Network of Councils of the Judiciary and Utrecht University's Montaigne Centre underscores the necessity of investing in a modern judiciary to support sustainable economic growth.
