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Clerkships

Honorable Hector M. Laffitte, United States District Court, District of Puerto Rico, 1997 – 1999

Recent Publications

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