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Clerkships

Honorable Robert H. Bork, United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, 1986 – 1987

Recent Publications

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