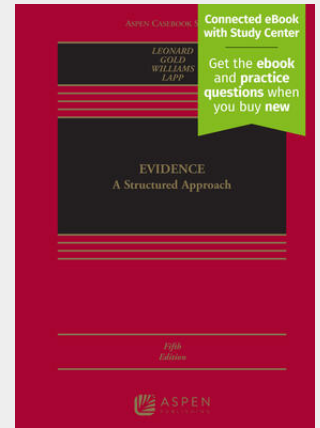


Evidence

A Structured Approach [Connected eBook with Study Center]

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