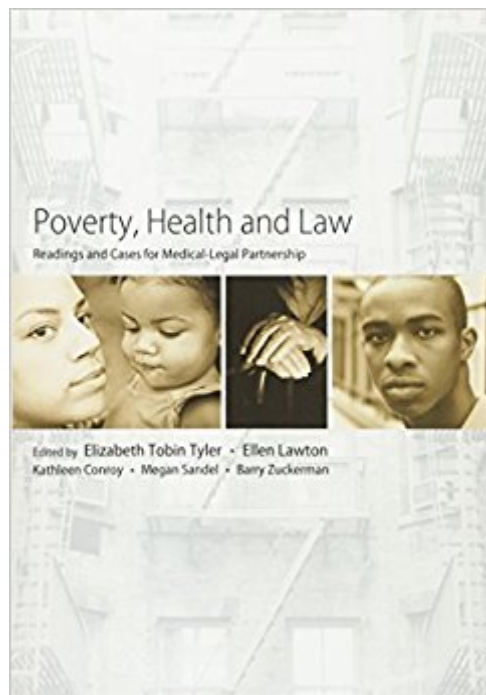


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# Poverty, Health And Law: Readings And Cases For Medical-Legal Partnership



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