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Equal justice for small (excerpt)

Editorial

KIDS IN TROUBLE with the law need help navigating the system, but in a number of Maryland's cities and counties, they don't get it. A report released this week by the American Bar Association describes courts across the state where kids who have been arrested appear before judges without ever having seen a public defender. In effect, they are their own lawyers in proceedings that determine if they will go free or to a detention center. In other districts' courts, judges exhort...