



## MICHAEL ZELDIN

Michael is a former CNN Legal Analyst, federal prosecutor, private sector lawyer, and consultant with extensive knowledge and experience in white collar crime.

Michael has lectured throughout the United States and internationally on financial crime topics. He also has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, on the topic of international money laundering.

In the Spring 2019 semester, Michael was a Resident Fellow at the Institute of Politics at the Harvard Kennedy School, where he led a study group on independent counsel investigations of U.S. presidents from Watergate to the Mueller investigation.

### EDUCATION

E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow,  
Georgetown University  
L.L.M., Georgetown University Law  
School, 1982

J.D., George Washington University,  
National Law Center, 1976

B.A., State University of New York at  
Binghamton, 1973

### BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia  
Maryland

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

International Bar Association

Association of Certified Financial Crime  
Specialists, Board Member

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- *CNN Legal Analyst, (2017-2020)*
  - On-air and CNN.com Legal Analyst covering the Mueller investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 Presidential election, the impeachment proceedings, and other legal stories.
- BuckleySandler LLP, Special Counsel (2014-2017)
  - Special Counsel in the law firm's Washington, D.C. office, where Michael provided experienced guidance to financial institutions and financial services and other companies and their Board members and senior executives with respect compliance with anti-money laundering (AML) laws.
- Deloitte Financial Advisory Services, *Principal* (2001-2013)
  - Global Head of the AML/Economic and Trade Sanctions practice at Deloitte, where Michael served as an independent consultant for U.S. and global financial institutions and other businesses.
- *Deputy Independent Counsel/Independent Counsel* (1993-1996)
  - Deputy Independent Counsel/Independent Counsel investigating allegations of tampering with candidate Bill Clinton's passport files during the 1992 presidential campaign.
- U.S. House of Representatives, Foreign Affairs Committee, October Surprise Task Force, *Deputy Chief Counsel* (1992-1993)
  - Deputy Majority Counsel for the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the October Surprise Task Force, which was responsible for investigating the events surrounding the

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holding and eventual release of the American hostages in Iran during the Presidency of Jimmy Carter.

- Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (1984-1992)
  - *Special Counsel for Money Laundering Matters to Criminal Division Assistant Attorney General (Robert Mueller)*
  - *Chief, Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture Offices*
  - *Deputy Chief, Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Section*
  - Department of Justice delegate to numerous international conventions, including:
    - The G-7 Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering, Paris, France
    - The Council of Europe, Select Committee of Experts Regarding Search, Seizure and Confiscation of Crime Proceeds, Strasbourg, France
    - The U.N. Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna, Austria
    - The Organization of American States, Legislative Drafting Committee, Washington, D.C., Caribbean Action Task Force, Oranjestad, Aruba

## MEDIA EXPERIENCE

- Michael has served as a CNN Legal Analyst. He also provides legal commentary on various radio shows and Podcasts.
- From 1996 – 2000, Michael served as a legal commentator on multiple broadcast and cable TV and radio networks covering the Whitewater/Monica Lewinsky investigation, the Clinton impeachment, and *Gore v. Bush* legal challenges.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Harvard Kennedy School, Institute of Politics, *Resident Fellow* (Spring Semester 2019)
- Antioch School of Law, Instructor of Law; *Associate Dean (Clinics)* (1982-1984)
- Georgetown University Law Center, Criminal Justice Clinic, *E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow* (1980-1982)
- George Washington University, National Law Center, *Legal Instructor*, Legal Aid Clinics (1977-1980)

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- CNN.com, In Stone case, a blast from the Obama past

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<https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/19/opinions/stone-barr-doj-opinion-zeldin/index.html>

February 19, 2020

- CNN.com, Trial shows Trump is guilty as charged

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/01/30/opinions/senate-cover-up-witnesses-impeachment-zeldin/index.html>

January 30, 2020

- CNN.com, How Senators and the Chief Justice can ensure a full and fair trial

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/01/16/opinions/senators-abide-by-your-impeachment-oath-zeldin/index.html>

January 16, 2020

- CNN.com, Lawyers debate: A presidential cover-up -- or a fair end to an unfair impeachment

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/01/10/opinions/presidential-coverup-or-a-fair-end-to-impeachment-zeldin-ray/index.html>

January 10, 2020

- CNN.com, Is America entitled to a Trump impeachment trial?

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/22/opinions/impeachment-trial-zeledin-ray/index.html>

December 22, 2019

- CNN.com, Are Trump impeachment articles legally flawed?

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/11/opinions/articles-of-impeachment-scholars-debate-zeldin-ray/index.html>

December 11, 2019

- CNN.com, Do Democrats have enough evidence to impeach?

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/07/opinions/impeachment-legal-analyst-debate-zeldin-ray/index.html>

December 7, 2019

- CNN.com, The option Mueller didn't have

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/06/03/opinions/mueller-option-zeldin-zelizer/index.html>

June 3, 2019

- CNN.com, The law is clear: Congress should get Trump's tax returns

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/05/17/opinions/congress-should-get-trumps-tax-returns-zeldin-axelrod/index.html>

May 17, 2019

- CNN.com, Congress-Barr conflict shows it's time to bring back prosecutors with true independence

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<https://www.cnn.com/2019/04/13/opinions/congress-barr-conflict-bring-back-prosecutors-with-independence-zeldin/index.html>

April 13, 2019

- CNN.com, Barr overstepped his authority and undermined the Mueller investigation

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/04/02/opinions/barr-overstepped-authority-undermined-mueller-investigation-zeldin/index.html>

April 2, 2019

- CNN.com, What we're ignoring about Manafort's sentence

<http://www.cnn.com/2019/03/29/opinions/manafort-sentence-federal-guidelines-problem-rich-zeldin/index.html>

March 29, 2019

- CNN.com, Why America may not get the answers it seeks from Mueller

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/01/opinions/why-america-may-not-get-answers-it-seeks-from-mueller-zeldin-zelizer/index.html>

March 1, 2019

- CNN.com, Barr's reassurances about Mueller leave a lot of legal wiggle room

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/01/15/opinions/barr-mueller-wiggle-room-zeldin/index.html>

January 15, 2019

- CNN.com, The border wall solution Trump hasn't thought of

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/01/14/opinions/trump-border-wall-bonds-solution-zelizer-zeldin/index.html>

January 14, 2019

- CNN.com, Mueller interviews Trump? It can happen if both sides negotiate in good faith

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/08/14/opinions/mueller-interview-of-trump-if-both-sides-negotiate-in-good-faith-zeldin-wisenberg/index.html>

August 14, 2018

- CNN.com, The Manafort money laundering charges: What's in store?

<https://www.cnn.com/2017/11/17/opinions/the-manafort-money-laundering-charges-what-next-zeldin-cassella/index.html>

November 11, 2017

- CNN.com, On Russia and North Korea, shell companies conceal the truth

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/08/opinions/shell-companies-russia-probe-north-korea-opinion-zeldin-cassella/index.html>

September 8, 2017

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- CNN.com, Mueller's Russia probe: Nothing is unrelated at this point  
<http://www.cnn.com/2017/08/18/opinions/russia-special-counsel-room-to-roam-opinion-zeldin/index.html>

August 18, 2017

- CNN.com, If you're following the Mueller investigation, you need a scorecard  
<http://www.cnn.com/2017/08/03/opinions/russia-investigation-scorecard-opinion-zeldin/index.html>

August 3, 2017

- CNN.com, Why Russia probe investigators are looking at FinCEN anti-money laundering database  
<http://www.cnn.com/2017/07/10/opinions/russia-probe-money-laundering-database-opinion-zeldin/index.html>

July 10, 2017

- CNN.com, Fire Mueller? Here's why it's likely Trump can't  
<http://www.cnn.com/2017/06/22/opinions/can-trump-fire-mueller-opinion-zeldin/index.html>

June 22, 2017

- CNN.com, Abuse of power, not obstruction, should keep Trump's legal team on edge  
<http://www.cnn.com/2017/06/15/opinions/trump-obstruction-abuse-of-power-opinion-zeldin/index.html>

June 15, 2017

## RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Keynote Speaker, The 2019 Justice Robert H. Jackson Lecture Series, The White House on Trial, Albany School of Law, November 4, 2019
- Keynote Speaker, New Hampshire Institute of Politics, Saint Anselm College, Truth on Trial: The Investigation of Special Counsel Robert Mueller, March 19, 2019
- Luncheon Speaker, Loyola Marymount University, Global Policy Institute, Celebrating Public Service, February 21, 2019
- Luncheon Speaker, Rotary Club of Washington, DC, *The Investigation of Special Counsel Mueller: Where Are We? November 2018*
- Binghamton University, *Trump on Trial, October 2018*
- Luncheon Speaker, Harpur College, Binghamton Forum, *The Mueller Investigation*, May 2018
- Fairfield University, Open VISIONS Forum, *Mueller vs. Trump: The White House on Trial*, March 2018

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- Vermont School of Law, *Special Counsel Mueller vs. the White House*, February 2018
  - Keynote Speaker, Electronic Signature & Records Association (ESRA), Summer Meeting, *Mueller vs. Trump*, July 2017
  - Consumers' Research Bretton Woods Conference, Challenges & Opportunities of Blockchain Technology, July 2016
  - 9th Annual European AML Conference: Virtual Currencies - Their Advantage, ML/TF Risks, & Future Outlook, October 2015
  - Block Chain Summit, Necker Island (Invitation of Sir Richard Branson), May 2015

### **BOARDS AND CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS**

- Member, Board of Directors, KEEN Greater DC, which provides free, non-competitive one-to-one exercise, fitness, and fun programs for children with disabilities. (KEENGreaterDC.org)
- Member, Annual Charity Auction Committee, KidSave, which provides adoption services to older children throughout the world. (KidSave.org)
- Reading Tutor, Washington Nationals Dream Foundation Scholar-Athlete Program

