

Michael Zeldin

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Michael F. Zeldin has served as a TV legal analyst since 1996, covering such stories as the Whitewater/Monica Lewinsky investigation, the Clinton impeachment proceedings, the Gore v. Bush election, and the disappearance of Chandra Levy. Presently, he is a CNN legal analyst. He has published opinion-editorial pieces for CNN.com, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, the *Hill*, the *Washington Times*, and the *Washington Post*.

As an attorney, Michael Zeldin is an internationally recognized expert. He has served clients and lectured throughout the world on topics ranging from money laundering, terrorist financing, and economic sanctions. He has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, on the topic of international money laundering.

During his tenure in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), he held various senior positions, including: Deputy Chief, Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Section; Chief, Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture Offices; Special Counsel for Money Laundering Matters to Criminal Division Assistant Attorney General Robert Mueller. Additionally, he served as the DOJ delegate to numerous international narcotics and money laundering multilateral conventions around the world.

Zeldin served as the Deputy Independent Counsel/Independent Counsel, investigating allegations of tampering with candidate Bill Clinton's passport files during the 1992 US presidential campaign. He also served as the Deputy Chief Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives, Foreign Affairs Committee, October Surprise Task Force, Deputy Chief Counsel, (1992-1993) where he investigated the events surrounding the holding and eventual release of the American hostages in Iran during the Presidency of Jimmy Carter.

In the private sector, Zeldin was a Principal at Deloitte where he served as the global practice leader for financial crimes compliance with a specialization in money laundering and economic and trade sanctions.

During the Spring 2019 semester, Zeldin was a Resident Fellow at the Institute of Politics at the Harvard Kennedy School. His study group concentrated on independent counsel investigations of US presidents from Watergate to Mueller.