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Ambassador Eizenstat is a senior member of Covington & Burling LLP's international practice. His work at Covington focuses on resolving international trade problems and business disputes with the US and foreign governments, and international business transactions and regulations on behalf of US companies and others around the world.

During a decade and a half of public service in four US administrations, Ambassador Eizenstat has held a number of key senior positions, including chief White House domestic policy adviser to President Jimmy Carter (1977-1981); U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, and Deputy Secretary of the Treasury in the Clinton Administration (1993-2001). He also served as a member of the White House staff for President Johnson (1967-1968).

During the Clinton Administration, he had a prominent role in the development of key international initiatives, including the negotiations of the Transatlantic Agenda with the European Union (establishing the framework for the US relationship with the EU); the development of the Transatlantic Business Dialogue (now the Transatlantic Business Council) among European and US CEOs; the negotiation of agreements with the European Union regarding the Helms-Burton Act and the IranLibya Sanctions Act; the negotiation of the Japan Port Agreement with the Japanese government; and the negotiation of the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, where he led the US delegation.

Much of the interest in providing belated justice for victims of the Holocaust and other victims of Nazi tyranny during World War II was the result of his leadership of the Clinton Administration as Special Representative of the President and Secretary of State on Holocaust-Era Issues (1993-2001). He successfully negotiated major agreements with the Swiss, Germans, Austrian and French, and other European countries, covering restitution of property, payment for slave and forced laborers, recovery of looted art, bank accounts, and payment of insurance policies. His book on these events, *Imperfect Justice: Looted Assets, Slave Labor, and the Unfinished Business of World War II*, has been favorably received in publications like *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Business Week*, and *Publisher's Weekly*. It has been translated into German, French, Czech and Hebrew.

In addition, during the Obama Administration, he served as Special Advisor on Holocaust-Era Issues to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Secretary of State John Kerry (2009-2017). During this period of his public service, Ambassador Eizenstat negotiated significant holocaust agreements with the governments of Lithuania (2011) and France (2014), regarding the deportation of Jews on the French railway. He was also the principal US negotiator for the Terezin Declaration with 46 countries (2009) and the agreement with over 40 countries on Best Practices and Guidelines for the Restitution and/or Compensation of Private (immovable) Property Confiscated by the Nazis and their Collaborators between 1933 - 1945. During the Trump administration, he was appointed by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo as Expert Advisor to the State Department on Holocaust-Era Issues (2018-current).

His most recent book, *President Carter: The White House Years*, the definitive history of the Carter Administration, has been favorably reviewed by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *National Review*, *National Interest*, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, *Moment Magazine*, and many other publications. Ambassador Eizenstat has received nine honorary doctorate degrees from universities and academic institutions. He has been awarded high civilian awards from the governments of France (Legion of Honor), Germany, Austria, Israel and Belgium, as well as from Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and Secretary of the Treasury Lawrence Summers. In 2007, he was named "The Leading Lawyer in

International Trade" in Washington, DC by Legal Times. His articles appear in The New York Times, The Financial Times, International Herald Tribune, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, Foreign Policy magazine, Foreign Affairs magazine, The Hill and Politico on a variety of international and domestic topics. Ambassador Eizenstat grew up and was educated in the public schools of Atlanta. He is a Phi Beta Kappa, cum laude graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and of Harvard Law School. He and his late wife, Frances Eizenstat, have two sons and eight grandchildren.