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Ambassador (ret.) Norman Eisen is a senior fellow in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution and a CNN Legal Analyst. At Brookings, he chairs the institution's signature anti-corruption program, Leveraging Transparency to Reduce Corruption, and is the founder and lead editor of the Brookings Russia Sanctions Tracker. He represents Brookings as the civil society co-chair of the Financial Transparency and Integrity cohort for the Biden administration's second Summit for Democracy and co-chairs the Transatlantic Democracy Working Group. Eisen is the co-author of the Democracy Playbook, which situates anti-corruption in the broader pro-democracy framework. Eisen frequently publishes on topics relating to Ukraine and its reconstruction.

From January 2009 to January 2011, Eisen worked in the White House as special counsel and special assistant to the President for Ethics and Government Reform. He was the White House Counsel Office lead on the Dodd-Frank financial regulatory reform and other aspects of the 2009 economic recovery, including advising on the stimulus and the rescues of the auto and finance industries. He also advised President Barack Obama on lobbying regulation, campaign finance law, and open government issues, helping to assure the most scandal-free White House in modern history.

Eisen served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic from 2011 to 2014. He helped develop innovative anti-corruption and transparency strategies in cooperation with U.S. and Czech law enforcement and other stakeholders. He is the author of two books about Central and Eastern Europe, including *The Last Palace: Europe's Turbulent Century in Five Lives and One Legendary House* (Crown 2019) and *Democracy's Defenders: U.S. Embassy Prague, The Fall of Communism in Czechoslovakia, and Its Aftermath* (Brookings Institution Press 2020). Most recently, Eisen served as special counsel to the House Judiciary Committee from 2019 to 2020, which dealt with the impeachment and trial of President Donald Trump. His book detailing his service is entitled, *A Case for the American People: The United States v. Donald J. Trump* (Crown 2020). Eisen's other books include *Overcoming Trumpery: How to Restore Ethics, Rule of Law, and Democracy* (Brookings Institution Press 2022) and *States United: A Survival Guide for Our Democracy* (Cornell 2022, forthcoming).

He is the founder of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) and the founder and current executive chair of the States United Democracy Center. Eisen was credited by director Wes Anderson as an inspiration for the character of the crusading lawyer Deputy Kovacs in "The Grand Budapest Hotel."