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Steve Zipperstein teaches in the Global Studies and Public Policy departments at UCLA, and as a Visiting Professor at Tel Aviv University Law School. Zipperstein is also a Senior Fellow at the UCLA Center for Middle East Development. He is the author of the forthcoming book *Law and the Arab-Israeli Conflict: The Trials of Palestine* (Routledge).

Before joining UCLA, Zipperstein practiced law for 36 years in California, Washington D.C. and New York/New Jersey. Zipperstein has been elected to the American Law Institute and named a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. During his career Zipperstein worked as a law firm litigator, a federal prosecutor and Justice Department official, and as a corporate General Counsel for two large companies.

Zipperstein served most recently as the Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel of BlackBerry Ltd., the Canadian smartphone and software company. Zipperstein was responsible for worldwide legal, government relations, public policy, compliance, regulatory, corporate security and corporate real estate for BlackBerry. Zipperstein also served as the company's Chief Risk Officer and oversaw the internal audit function.

Zipperstein previously served as the General Counsel of Verizon Wireless from 2003 through 2011, and as a Deputy General Counsel of Verizon Communications Inc. and its predecessor GTE Corporation from 1997 through 2003, reporting to former and current U.S. Attorney General William P. Barr.

Before joining Verizon, Zipperstein served for more than 9 years as a federal prosecutor in the United States Attorney's office in Los Angeles. Zipperstein tried more than a dozen federal felony jury trials (including the first-ever prosecution against the owners of a failed savings and loan during the late 1980s), and he argued 23 cases before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

During 1992-93 Zipperstein served at the U.S. Justice Department as Special Counsel to former Criminal Division Chief Robert S. Mueller III. Attorney General Janet Reno appointed Zipperstein as her Counselor for the congressional hearings regarding the 1993 events at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas.

Zipperstein graduated from UCLA in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science with highest honors, and received his law degree in 1983 from U.C. Davis, where he graduated Order of the Coif and served as a Law Review Editor and member of the Moot Court Board. Zipperstein has also taught at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and published several law review articles. He has testified before Congress on telecommunications policy issues numerous times.

Zipperstein is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy. He serves as an Honorary Trustee of the Mexican-American Bar Foundation. Zipperstein previously served on the Board of Trustees of the McCarter Theatre Center in Princeton, New Jersey and the Executive Committee of the Friends of the Institute for Advanced Study, also in Princeton.