

Elisabeth Mason

Year of Call: 1999



Practice Summary

A leading social entrepreneur, philanthropic executive and international lawyer, Elisabeth Mason is the Founding Director of the Stanford Poverty & Technology Lab, the first lab dedicated to leveraging the data and technology revolution to create new, lasting, and low-cost solutions to poverty and inequality in the United States. In addition, Elisabeth is an international tenant at 4-5 Gray's Inn Square Chambers, in the heart of London's legal community. There, she focuses on management of ten-figure +, multi-jurisdictional arbitral disputes, from funding to choice-of-law and venue issues, as well as strategy and client management. Elisabeth's career choices have been purposefully unconventional, but all share a commitment to transformative impact and the successful resolution of unique and complex issues. She helped establish Shakira's international foundation, worked with Mother Teresa's sisters in a leper colony in India, and crafted children's rights reform with the leaders of a dozen Latin American nations before the age of 25, where she founded and ran Fundación Kukula, an agency serving street youth and a winner of the UNICEF prize for Latin America. A native of East Harlem, Elisabeth was named "New Yorker of the Year" in 2015 for her groundbreaking work fighting poverty and her work was recognized as Top Ten in the World in Social Good by Fast Company. Prior to joining Stanford, Elisabeth was Co-Founder and CEO of Single Stop, a national anti-poverty initiative which served close to 2 million families, drawing down nearly \$4 billion in impact under her leadership. There she won two White House Social Innovation Awards. Elisabeth also helped develop a \$1 billion, 10-year spend-down plan at Atlantic Philanthropies, served as a Managing Director for six years at the Robin Hood Foundation, and has practiced law on Wall Street and abroad. Elisabeth holds a BA and MA from Harvard and a JD from Columbia.