

## Dr. Elizabeth G. Chan



### **International Lawyer and Chief Executive Officer, Global Risk Mitigation Foundation**

Dr. Elizabeth Chan is a Hawaii-based international lawyer. She has served as General Counsel for several US based small companies, overseeing compliance, supply chain optimization, employment issues, import/export issues, and risk management for corporate projects in the United States and Southeast Asia. In addition to an active Indo-Pacific focused legal practice, Elizabeth is also the CEO of the Global Risk Mitigation Foundation, a Hawaii based 501(c)3 organization focusing on national security and economic security capacity building and business development solutions for government entities, NGOs, and businesses. Elizabeth is also CEO of International Risk Management, a risk consultancy.

As a US business lawyer, Elizabeth has worked extensively throughout the Indo-Pacific region and is experienced in complex business and commercial litigation and financial law as well as small business development. She is currently involved in a variety of commercial projects in Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Taiwan, Japan, the Pacific Islands, the Middle East, and Africa. Elizabeth has also been involved in trade, import/export, and agriculture development/food security projects in the Asia-Pacific region.

Elizabeth is the Chair of the American Bar Association Committee on Infrastructure Development Finance, a part of the American Bar Association's Belt & Road Task Force. This American Bar Association initiative is focused on the legal challenges and opportunities posed by China's Belt & Road Initiative as well as the response by the United States and other nations. The Infrastructure Finance Committee focuses on development project financing ranging from multilateral banks to private sector options. She is also a member of the Trade Policy Committee of the National Association of District Export Councils, focusing on the Indo-Pacific region. She is also a frequent panelist and moderator for National Association of District Export Councils conferences.

Elizabeth has conducted global programs and webinars along with detailed briefings on China's Belt & Road Initiative, non-kinetic warfare (political and economic warfare waged against democracies and businesses), the US Indo-Pacific Strategy, current US trade policy and the challenges of competing against Chinese predatory financing and state-owned enterprises, the South China Sea, Islamic extremism in Southeast Asia, and other national security and economic security issues. These briefings have been before Asian cabinet-level ministers, think tanks, foreign military and law enforcement, diplomats, and private sector executives and lawyers.

Elizabeth is a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association and the Hawaii State Bar Association. She is a graduate of Georgetown University, with a JD from the University of Hawaii, LLM in Corporate and Financial Law from the University of Hong Kong, and an EdD from the University of Southern California.

She is fluent in Cantonese, Mandarin, and French.