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Silicon Valley 40 under 40: Elizabeth Pipkin

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Elizabeth Pipkin
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Age: 37

Born: Perryton, Texas

Elizabeth Pipkin is the team leader for McManis Faulkner's civil litigation group and frequently handles the firm's most significant and challenging cases. She has represented a number of Silicon Valley's Fortune 500 companies including Juniper Networks and Seagate Technology.

She is currently trying a case against the U.S. Department of Justice that has garnered national attention. The case involves the wrongful inclusion of a former Stanford Ph.D. student named Rahinah Ibrahim on the government's "No-Fly List." Ibrahim is a Malaysian citizen who lived in the United States for several years before being excluded from re-entry into the country. Ibrahim, a mother of four and a dean at a major university in Malaysia, seeks due process in the determination of her "No-Fly List" status. Following two precedent-setting decisions by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals requiring the trial court to hear Ibrahim's case, Pipkin is leading the efforts to prepare this historically significant case for trial. Pipkin is one of the youngest members of the board of directors of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, the largest provider of free legal services for those in need in Silicon Valley.



First job: Driving a combine on the family farm at age 12.

Best advice received: It's a marathon, not a sprint.

Word that best describes you: Tenacious.

Favorite job perk: Free tea

Fantasy career: Fighter pilot

Favorite car: 1968 Camaro

Where we'd most likely find you after hours: What's "after hours"?

Favorite gadget: Capresso hot water pot

Favorite stress release: Russian kettlebell workouts

Superpower you'd like to have: Navigation by echolocation

Something about you that would surprise others: I've never been to Canada.

Biggest whoops: I plead the Fifth.

Favorite causes: Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, the largest provider of free legal services for the disadvantaged in Silicon Valley

College alma mater: Brigham Young University (B.A., political science)

Most important lessons learned at school: Our business in life is not to get ahead of others but to get ahead of ourselves.