{artsexylightbox path="/images/stories/poker babe/Liz Lieu/" noConflict="true" color="white" thumbnailPreviewCount="3" previewWidth="165" previewHeight="225"}{/artsexylightbox} Liz Lieu was born on August 2nd, 1974 in Vietnam. Shortly after her first birthday, Lieu was brought to America by her parents. Liz was raised in Colorado with her older sister.

Lieu started playing Chinese Poker at the age of 13 with her friends and immediately fell in love with card games. At 18, she started running her own home games with a friend where they played both Hold'em and Pai Gow.

Lieu was primarily a limit Texas hold 'em cash games player for a number of years, until her friend John Phan encouraged her to enter the 2005 World Series of Poker. Phan encouraged her to enter the \$1500 no-limit hold'em event, she ended up in fifth place winning over \$168,000 in prize money. She went on to place 12th in the \$5000 no-limit hold'em event the same year and cashed in the \$3000 tournament as well.

A few months later, Liz placed fourth in the \$2500 no limit hold'em event and 16th in two other top tournaments at the Bellagio's 2005 Festa Al Lago tournament, taking home more than \$80,000 for less than a week's worth of work. She went on to finish in the top ten spots at the World Poker Finals, Five Diamond World Poker Classic, and the Gold Strike World Poker Open.

Her first tournament win came at the 2006 L.A. Poker Classic at Commerce Casino, where she won the \$1000 limit hold'em event. Her second tournament win came when she won the same event in 2007. In 2006, Liz was honored by the WSOP and ESPN as a Final Table Grand Marshall along with Johnny Chan. In the introduction by Nolan Dalla, she was referred to as the next likely woman to win a WSOP bracelet. As of 2007, she has earned over \$590,000 in live tournament play.

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