

Elsie McCabe Thompson

Ms. Thompson is president of the New York City Mission Society, an organization dedicated to ending multigenerational poverty through compelling educational programs.

She is a former president of the Museum for African Art. During her tenure there, Ms. McCabe Thompson oversaw the expansion and reinvigoration of its Board of Trustees, increased earned income by roughly 200 percent, and—most significantly—initiated and led the most important development in the institution's history to date: the planning for and construction of a new building, to be located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and East 110th Street.

Prior to joining the museum, Ms. McCabe Thompson served as New York City Mayor David Dinkins' chief-of-staff, overseeing the city's nine Constituency Affairs offices; its city, state, and federal Legislative Affairs offices; the Human Rights Commission; the U.N. Commission; and the Community Development Agency, among other areas. Previously, in the private sector, Ms. McCabe Thompson was a senior litigator with Shearman & Sterling, where she specialized in commercial and banking litigation. During her tenure there, she founded and ran a training and mentoring program for minority students.

Ms. McCabe Thompson has served on the boards of numerous nonprofit and for-profit corporations. She currently serves on the boards of the National Recreation Foundation, the Trinity School, and the Learning Care Group, Inc. Ms. McCabe Thompson is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Association for a Better New York (ABNY), the Greater New York Hospital Association's Diversity Committee, and the Association of Art Museum Directors. She is a graduate of Barnard College and Harvard Law School.