

BIOGRAPHY

Edward P. Sakiewicz, PhD



Sakiewicz launched SA Pro Soccer LLC in 2004 as an initiative to bring professional soccer to San Antonio. He is the concept architect of the 2008 Texas Pro Soccer Festival, a 4-team Major League Soccer (MLS) pre-season event. www.TexasProSoccerFest.com. Sakiewicz raised in excess of \$175,000.00 within 2 months for major naming rights sponsorships in order to execute this unique event and oversaw the overall operating budget of \$250,000.00. Sakiewicz was the main influencer for building a 5,000-seat soccer-specific stadium to host major soccer events and other planned domestic and international events. With some future expansion, this facility can be a great location for a professional soccer franchise. Sakiewicz is also developing an elite youth soccer academy that will need a permanent home.

In 2004, Sakiewicz brought San Antonio its *first-ever* MLS exhibition match between the NY MetroStars and Colorado Rapids. He has very close ties to MLS from the league's front office in NYC to working with teams such as Houston Dynamo, LA Galaxy, Chivas USA, DC United, FC Dallas, and Toronto FC to name a few. Sakiewicz has been instrumental in helping MLS bring InterLiga™ matches and other events to San Antonio. He collaborates on a regular basis with the MLS and United Soccer Leagues (USL) and dreams to one day own and manage a professional soccer franchise, very much like his brother Nick who is an executive founder of MLS and the CEO & Operating Partner of the newest MLS expansion team, the Philadelphia Union.

www.PhiladelphiaUnion.com

Sakiewicz is the President of a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity, the San Antonio Metropolitan Youth Soccer Institute (SAMYS), that built San Antonio's first 42-acre youth soccer complex located in Schertz, TX. www.SoccerTexas.com SAMYS is a leading advocacy group and soccer think-tank dedicated to building quality facilities, supporting youth and professional events and safety, health and wellness for the soccer athlete.

Sakiewicz operates Dr. Biz Consulting, LLC, a free-lance management consulting practice called upon to advise entrepreneurial start-ups, small businesses and emerging organizations inside and outside the business of sports. www.DoctorBiz.Biz His most recent concept is an online soccer coaching resource called Top-Flight Football www.TopFlightFootball.com which focuses on advanced coaching for coaches and soccer professionals from around the world. Other projects Ed is associated with are www.FootballersFC, an interactive social soccer community and education website and www.Keeper-Skool.com, an online resource developed exclusively for training and educating the soccer goalkeeper.

Sakiewicz received his PhD in Organization & Management with an emphasis in Sports Management. He holds a post-graduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship, a Masters degree in Organizational Development and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing. His dissertation is entitled, "*A Comparative Study of Enterprise Risk Management and Decision Making Criteria Used for Developing Soccer-Specific Stadiums for Major League Soccer*". His work is published by ProQuest/UMI at

http://gateway.proquest.com/openurl?url_ver=Z39.88-2004&res_dat=xri:pqdiss&rft_val_fmt=info:ofi/fmt:kev:mtx:dissertation&rft_dat=xri:pqdiss:3237075

Sakiewicz is a frequent lecturer and subject matter expert for leading university's and sports programs around the country such as the US Sports Academy. He collaborates with the San Antonio Sports Foundation, is a member of the Sports Business Education Network and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Ed played his collegiate soccer at the NCAA Division I powerhouse, Loyola College in Maryland, and went on to play as a developmental professional in Europe. He is married to Jennyfer and both are proud parents of Eddie (15), Brenton (13) and Alek (11), all of whom play soccer. The Sakiewicz's reside in the Alamo Heights area of San Antonio.