

Q & A

WITH CEO MIKE BUDZICH



➔ **How long have you been working at GEMKO?**

Since GEMKO's inception, 31 years ago

➔ **How did you come to be CEO of GEMKO?**

I naturally transitioned into the role over time; being one of the original founders of GEMKO has provided me with many years of hands-on experience, the good, the bad and the ugly, to lead GEMKO. My personal drive to continually learn, grow and stretch out of the box combined with the support of an awesome team around me blessed with some luck helped.

➔ **Have you always had a strong passion to work with computer systems and clients?**

My passion is working with clients and helping them achieve something important to them, the technology we use is just a tool and enabler. I get more satisfaction out of the result opposed to the tool (technology).

➔ **What is your goal for the company in the upcoming years?**

To continue to provide value to our clients as well as provide a challenging and rewarding environment for my employees.

➔ **What is your favorite part of the job?**

Problem Solving, working with our clients to help them leverage technology to make a difference in their business.

➔ **What or who has shaped who you are?**

My family and upbringing strongly influenced who I am and how I behave; however, my lifetime of relationships and interactions has shaped me into who I am today. Too many names to list.

➔ **What do you feel is your biggest accomplishment?**

Personally, in my career it was becoming the youngest partner in the firm, 1994. As the longtime leader of GEMKO's IBM line of business, it has been sustaining and maintaining our relevance in technology and our clients business.

➔ **What advice would you tell your younger self?**

Get your MBA before starting a family.

➔ **Describe yourself in one word.**

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➔ **What's your favorite television show?**

Currently Billions on Showtime

➔ **Where's your favorite place that you have traveled to so far?**

That is a difficult question to answer as every place has a story and experience, to get away in the sun, Aruba, for a city adventure Athens Greece.

➔ **Tell me something we don't know about you.**

I grew up working in a florist, at one point I thought I was going to be a florist; I also enjoy listening to loud heavy metal music.