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Biographical Profiles

About Daniel Calichman

Under Dan Calichman and Teddy Chronopoulos's coaching leadership, the Chivas USA Development Academy was the number-one-ranked youth soccer program in Southern California and rated fourth nationally. His success was recognized in 2011 when Calichman was named U.S. Soccer Development Academy U17/18 coach of the year for the Southern California conference.

Calichman is in his 11th year as men's soccer head coach of the Claremont-McKenna/Harvey Mudd/Scripps College Stags. He joined the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps program after a twelve-year professional playing career.

He was captain and central defender of the Los Angeles Galaxy from 1996-1998 and was voted best Major League Soccer defender by USA Today in 1996. He also played for two other MLS teams--the San Jose Earthquakes and the New England Revolution. He played for the United States National Team from 1997-1998 and was the first and only American player to play in the J-League, Japan's professional soccer league.

Calichman graduated from Williams College with a bachelor's degree in history, where he was captain of the college's soccer and lacrosse teams. He is one of the few professional players to have advanced directly from Division III soccer to a successful professional career.

Calichman resides in Pasadena with his wife Ruth, and their three children, Gabrielle, Joshua, and Jackson.

About Theodoros Chronopoulos

Teddy Chronopoulos has led a distinguished career as a professional soccer player and coach. Along with Dan Calichman, he built the Chivas USA Development Academy into the number-one-ranked youth soccer program in Southern California and rated fourth nationally. In 2012, Chronopoulos coached the U15 team to the Major League Soccer Generation Adidas Cup championship.

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In August 2010, he joined the New York Cosmos Academy West, with a focus on developing world-class youth talent. The Cosmos Academy merged into the Chivas USA Development Academy the following year. Concurrent with his playing career, Chronopoulos has served as a trainer or coach for numerous youth teams. Holder of United States Soccer Federation 'A' License, Chronopoulos was previously the Director of Coaching for Los Angeles Futbol Club.

As a player, he spent three seasons in the Greek First Division (1993-96—Panionios Futbol Club); seven seasons in Major League Soccer (1996-2002—New England Revolution; 2002—New York MetroStars, now Red Bull); three in the USL First Division (2003-2005—Charleston Battery); and one in the Major Indoor Soccer League (2004-2005—Chicago Storm). He also earned one “cap” (awarded for international matches played) with the United States National Team (1997). A Southern California native, Chronopoulos played collegiately for California State University, San Bernardino and San Diego State University.

About Gregory D. Helmer, Esq.

Greg Helmer is a founding partner of Helmer Friedman LLP. Mr. Helmer has successfully represented celebrities, athletes, employees, individuals and businesses in a broad array of legal matters, including employment and wage claims, contract negotiations, defamation and privacy issues, entertainment transactions, trademark and copyright infringement, unfair business practices, class actions, whistleblowing and retaliation, consumer fraud, sexual harassment, discrimination and elder abuse claims. He has represented clients at trial, arbitration, mediation and in virtually every stage of the litigation process.

Helmer received his J.D. degree from UCLA School of Law in 1990. At UCLA, Helmer was on the editorial board of UCLA Law Review. Prior to founding Helmer Friedman LLP, he worked in the Labor and Employment Law Department of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, where he represented some of the nation’s largest employers. He has also served as a legal intern for the Office of Appeals of the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C.

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