

Ann Stevens



As President of BioMed SA, Ann Stevens brings a unique combination of experience in the biomedical field, investment community and media industry - along with a collaborative leadership style and a passion for community service - to her new role of organizing and promoting San Antonio's network of healthcare and bioscience assets. Previously, Stevens spent eight years as Director of Corporate Communications and Investor Relations for ILEX Oncology, Inc., San Antonio's first public biopharmaceutical company. She was a key member of the leadership team that raised the market capitalization of this homegrown, startup company from under \$100 million to its final acquisition price by Genzyme Corporation of \$1 billion in December 2004.

While at ILEX, Stevens participated in getting two new anti-cancer drugs approved by the FDA, representing new hope for patients with leukemia, and experienced first-hand the difference this industry can make in people's lives. She also developed a strong working knowledge of the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry, partnering with other drug companies and interfacing regularly with peer companies, investors and physicians at national medical meetings and investment banking conferences. Community relations has been an integral component of Stevens' career experience. At ILEX, she served as the company's primary representative within The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the SATAI Network, the San Antonio-Austin Life Sciences Association and other business and industry groups. She was a member of Leadership San Antonio Class XXIX and for two years chaired publication of the Healthcare & Bioscience Economic Impact Study published by The Greater Chamber.

Prior to joining ILEX, Stevens spent 17 years on the corporate staff of global media firm, Harte-Hanks, Inc., where she served as Director of Corporate Communications. She began her career as a reporter for two Harte-Hanks daily newspapers in West Texas. She holds a B.A. degree in journalism from Texas State University (formerly Southwest Texas State University), graduating with highest honors. A native Texan and 30-year resident of San Antonio, Stevens is a co-founder and past president of the San Antonio chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute. She was also a two-term president and former Communicator of the Year of the San Antonio chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators.