



2009 ICD Fellowship Award Recipient

ROBERT DESPRÉS

Robert Després is a native of Québec City where he resides today.

Mr. Després completed his Commercial Course at the Collège de Lévis and obtained his senior matriculation from the Académie de Québec. He entered the Faculty of Business Administration of Laval University in 1944, obtained a Bachelor degree in 1946 and his Master's degree in 1947. He has been a registered member of the Society of Management Accountants (FCMA) since 1947 and a member of the Certified General Accountants' Association (FCGA) since 1948.

Mr. Després has had a long and distinguished professional career which included serving as Controller of Québec Power Company, Québec Deputy Minister of Revenue, President of the University of Québec and Chairman of the Board of Atomic Energy of Canada. Mr. Després was a member of the Québec Commission on Financial Institutions and of the Royal Commission on Financial Management and Accountability.

Mr. Després is an Officer of the Order of Canada (1978), a Fellow of the Society of Management Accountants (1979), and a Fellow of the Certified General Accountants' Association (1981). He was awarded an Honourary Doctorate from Université du Québec (1986) and from Laval University (2001). Mr. Després was appointed a member of l'Académie des Grands Québécois (1991). In 2003 Mr. Després was appointed by the Government of the Province of Québec Grand Officier de l'Ordre national du Québec.

Mr. Després is President of DRM Holdings Inc., and Chairman of the Board of Asmacure Ltée, Cominar and Obzerv Technologies Inc. In addition, Mr. Després is a member of the Board of Directors of H.R.S. Holdings Limited, Institut de cardiologie de Québec, and National Optics Institute.

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