

## Hector Jacques



Mr. Jacques received his general certificate of education from the University of Cambridge, his Bachelor's degree in Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology in Bombay, and his Master's degree in Engineering from the Technical University of Nova Scotia. His post graduate research was in the field of soil mechanics under the able direction of Dr. G.G. Meyerhof.

After graduation from the Technical University of Nova Scotia, Mr. Jacques joined Warnock Hersey Int. Ltd. in 1967 in their Halifax office and in 1969 was appointed Manager of the Geotechnical Services Division for the Atlantic Region.

In 1972, along with Mr. Michael Whitford, Hector formed Jacques Whitford and Associates Limited to offer services in the earth sciences disciplines in the Atlantic Region. Under

Mr Jacques guidance as CEO, the firm grew rapidly to 45 offices across North America and internationally with more than 1,700 highly trained professionals worldwide. The company was sold to Stantec at the retirement of Mr Jacques in 2009. The last position Mr Jacques held at the firm was Chairman of the Board.

In 1983, Mr. Jacques was awarded the Engineering Award for Distinctive Achievement in the Practice of Engineering by the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia. In 1986, the Association of Consulting Engineers bestowed on him the Beaubien Award, again for Distinctive Achievement in the Practice of Engineering. He was also a recipient of the Canada 125 Anniversary Medal (1993) for his significant contributions to compatriots, community and to Canada. In June 1994, the distinction of Fellow was bestowed on Mr. Jacques by the Engineering Institute of Canada. Under Mr. Jacques' leadership Jacques Whitford was chosen by the Financial Post and Arthur Andersen & Co. as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Private Companies in 1994, the very first year of the program and the only engineering firm to be honoured that year. In the May Convocation of 1995, an Honorary Doctorate of Commerce was conferred upon Mr. Jacques by Saint Mary's University, Halifax. Mr. Jacques was named Atlantic Canada Entrepreneur of the Year in October, 1996, and The Canadian Academy of Engineering awarded him the distinction of Fellow in June, 1997. In May 2001 Mr. Jacques received an Honorary Doctorate of Law by Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia. An Honorary Doctorate of Law by the University College of Cape Breton, Sydney, Nova Scotia was also conferred upon Mr. Jacques in May 2001 and in 2005 Mr. Jacques received an Honorary Doctorate of Law from Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. On June 5, 2001, Mr. Jacques was inducted into the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame. The Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia presented Mr. Jacques the Gold Medal on October 4, 2002. The award is designed to bestow distinction on outstanding engineers in Nova Scotia and to recognize exceptional achievements in their chosen fields. Most recently Mr. Jacques was named Petroleum Pioneer for 2006 by the Offshore Technologies Association of Nova

Scotia. The Petroleum Pioneer Award honours individuals that have made an outstanding contribution to the development of the Nova Scotia petroleum industry. In October 2007, Mr. Jacques was made an officer of the Order of Canada. Mr. Jacques currently serves on five boards but has also served as a director and chaired numerous other business and institutional boards in the past.

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