

MEET THE JUDGES

Adjudicators for *Atlantic Business Magazine's* Top 50 CEO awards are five-time award winners and Top 50 CEO Hall of Fame inductees. Thank you to the following for generously volunteering to select this year's honourees.



NORA M. DUKE

EXECUTIVE VP, SUSTAINABILITY AND CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER, FORTIS

Ms. Duke's Fortis Group career spans 30 years. She was previously President & CEO of Fortis Properties; VP of Hospitality Services of Fortis Properties; and VP of Customer and Corporate Services of Newfoundland Power. She serves on the boards of UNS Energy and FortisAlberta as well as Slate Office REIT and Memorial University of Newfoundland's Genesis Group.



JOHN GRIFFIN

PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER, W.P. GRIFFIN INC.

W.P. Griffin Inc. is a family-owned and operated potato farming and packaging business located in Elmsdale, Prince Edward Island. John's father Wilfred (1928-1996) founded the business in 1947 and it continues to grow 72 years later. In 1988, John Griffin graduated from Saint Mary's University and returned home to work in the family business.



STEPHEN LUND

CEO, OPPORTUNITIES NB

Stephen Lund is a dynamic leader with over 30 years' experience in corporate banking, venture capital, and international finance. Since 2015, he has been the CEO of the provincial Crown Corporation Opportunities NB (ONB) where his team has exceeded all its targets and outperformed previous organizations in driving economic growth.



DAN MERZETTI

PRESIDENT & CEO, DSM TELECOM

DSM Telecom is a Halifax-based telco offering cloud-based phone solutions for businesses across Canada. Prior to founding DSM, Mr. Merzetti was Regional Director with Sprint Canada & Pitney Bowes of Canada. He is also a former N.B. Golden Glove amateur boxing gold medalist, a musician, runner, outdoor enthusiast and avid volunteer.



DON MILLS

CO-FOUNDER & FORMER OWNER/CEO OF CORPORATE RESEARCH ASSOCIATES INC. (CRA)

Mr. Mills continues to be associated with CRA as Chair of the Board and Senior Counsel. He is also actively engaged in business through a number of private sector investments and as a regional newspaper columnist. He is a board member of the IWK Foundation, 100 Seeds and Atlantic Institute of Market Studies.



ANNE WHELAN

PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDER & CEO, SEAFAIR CAPITAL

In addition to leading Seafair Capital (a growth-focused company with investments in community and behavioural health, wellness and safety), Ms. Whelan chairs the board of directors of Newfoundland Power, a subsidiary of Fortis Inc. (TSX:FTS). She is also a director of CSA Group, and the Bank of Canada.