



**The Council of The New Brunswick Institute of Chartered Accountants is pleased to announce the election of Francis Melanson, FCA, and John Sanford, FCA, as Fellows of the Institute.**



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Francis Melanson, FCA  
LeBlanc Nadeau Bujold, Dieppe, NB

John Sanford, FCA  
Grant Thornton LLP, Moncton, NB

Francis holds a B.Comm. degree from the Université de Moncton (1971). He qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1974. He articulated with the Office of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, and then moved into public practice. In 1979, he started his own practice as a sole practitioner in Dieppe. Francis amalgamated his practice with the firm of LeBlanc & Doiron (presently LeBlanc Nadeau Bujold) in 1985 and has been a Senior Partner with that firm since that time. Francis has been a key player in the development of the firm of LeBlanc Nadeau Bujold in its current status as a pre-eminent Francophone accounting firm in New Brunswick with offices in Dieppe, Edmundston and Grand Falls.

With respect to his contribution to the CA profession, Francis has served on various committees with the NBICA, including Legislation, Practice Advisory, Small Practitioners, Student Liaison and Education for French Speaking Students. He served as an NBICA Council member in 1981/82 and 1985/86. Francis returned to Council in 2004/05 as Secretary Treasurer; Vice-President in 2005/06 and President in 2006/07. He was also the Council representative on the Ad-hoc Committee to review the NBICA disciplinary process, and served as the Chair of the Atlantic Regional Officers Group in 2006/07.

Francis has also been very active within his community. He is a founding member of the Dieppe Rotary Club and served as Treasurer from 1983-1987. From 1990 to 1993, Francis served as a member of the Board and on the Credit Committee for the Caisse Populaire Assomption Ltee. He is a Past member of the Knights of Columbus. Francis has also served as a member of the Finance Committee of the Parish of Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix, an Executive Committee member and Treasurer of the Moncton Vikings Swim Club, volunteer fund-raiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, has served as a Coach with Moncton Minor Baseball and is a Past member of the Riverview Canusa Toastmasters.

Francis resides in Moncton with his wife Diane. They have two adult children - Serge Melanson and Lise Dupuis (who is also a CA).



**The FCA designation is awarded for outstanding contribution to the Institute, the community and the CA profession. It is the highest honour bestowed by the CA profession.**

John obtained his CA designation in 1977 from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia. He holds a B.Comm. degree from Mount Allison University (1973) and articulated with H.R.Doane & Company (now Grant Thornton LLP) in Halifax. John moved to Moncton and was admitted to membership in The New Brunswick Institute of Chartered Accountants in 1978. He became a Partner with Grant Thornton LLP in 1984. During his career as a Partner in the firm, John has been responsible for a wide range of accounts with a particular interest and focus on non-profit organizations, municipalities and local government organizations. He has been heavily involved in the firm's recruitment process and has been an office inspector for many years. From 1992-1994, John served as an appointee to the firm's Professional Standards Committee. John is presently the lead for Grant Thornton's Accounting, Auditing and Business Advisory group for the Municipal and NPO sector in New Brunswick.

In service to the profession, John served as NB representative to the CICA Professional Development Committee for a five year term. He has also served on various NBICA committees, including the Golf Committee, Professional Development, Long Range Planning and Audit. He served on the NBICA Council in the 1990's. For the past fifteen years, John has served as Chair of the Mandatory Practice Review Committee.

John has exhibited a genuine interest in community service with various organizations. He served as Treasurer with the East End Boys' and Girls' Club of Moncton, Treasurer of the Moncton Community Concert Association and was a member of the Centennial Committee for the Moncton Hospital. He also served as Official Agent for various provincial and federal election campaigns. John has served on an Enterprise Greater Moncton Strategic Partnership Committee, which was mandated to raise funds to promote Greater Moncton. He was a Board member of the Moncton Chamber of Commerce for a four-year term and has served as a member of the Board for the Greater Moncton Airport Authority Inc. that negotiated the transfer of the Moncton airport into community hands. In addition, John recently was involved with School District 2's Best Sellers fund-raising campaign. Since 1992, John has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Moncton Hospital Management Ltd., and has served as chair for the past ten years. Presently, John is a team leader in the Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada's first major fund-raising campaign.

John and his wife Janet, a retired English teacher, reside in Moncton. They have a daughter, Leah, who is working in public relations in Halifax.