

Christiaan FISMER

First names	Christiaan Loedolff
Surname	Fismer
Year of birth	1956

EDUCATION

BLC: University of Pretoria
LLB: University of Pretoria
BCom: University of Pretoria

Served as President of the SRC as well as several other student bodies.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

After completion of his studies he served for a period as public prosecutor attached to the Pretoria Magistrates Court.

He then successfully completed his articles of clerkship and was admitted as attorney.

Thereafter he was admitted as an advocate of the High Court and practiced at the Pretoria Bar until his election as a Member of Parliament.

After an interruption of a Parliamentary career of nine years, he again practiced as an attorney, from 1996 as a director of the firm Fourie Fismer Incorporated.

He holds a certificate of right of appearance in the High Court of South Africa.

He retired as director of the firm in November 2017, but he continues his involvement in the firm as a practicing consultant.

He is a director of companies active in business, as well as trustee of several trusts. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Sabi Sand Game Reserve in Mpumalanga.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

1992 - 1993	Member of the National Peace Secretariat of the National Peace Accord
1992	Delegate to the constitutional negotiations CODESA
1993 - 1994	Served as Deputy Minister in the Office of State President FW de Klerk
1994	Appointed as Deputy Minister of Justice in the Government of National Unity
1995	Promoted to Minister of General Services in the Government of National Unity
1996	Appointed as Minister for Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development, Government of National Unity
1998 - 2009	Appointed as first Chairperson of the National Gambling Board in 1998 and thereafter reappointed for two further terms.

PARLIAMENTARY CAREER

Was elected as Member of Parliament in the Rissik constituency on 6 May 1987. The University of Pretoria fell within this constituency. Was re-elected in the Rissik constituency on 6 September 1989. In the first election under South Africa's new constitution in April 1994, he was elected to the National Assembly of the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa.

Served as Parliamentary Whip from 1989 – 1992.

Served *inter alia* on the following Joint Committees of Parliament before being appointed to the Executive:

- Finance
- Public Accounts
- Land Reform (the scrapping of the Group Areas Act and the Land Acts of 1913 and 1936)
- Select Committee on Parliamentary Privilege
- Select Committee on statements by the Minister of Safety and Security (Chairperson)