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**Biography of Professor Mathole Serfo Motshekga, MP  
Dr of Laws, Specialist in Local and Traditional Governance, African  
Philosophy, Culture and Religion, Human and People's Rights**

Professor Motshekga was born on 2 April 1949 in Modjadjiskloof, Limpopo Province, South Africa

**Academic Qualifications:**

He obtained the following academic qualifications:

- Bachelor of Law (B.luris) 1975 (Unisa)
- Bachelor Of Laws (LLB) 1978 with distinctions in Criminal Law and Constitutional Law (Unisa)
- Master of Laws (LLM), (Harvard Law School) (USA) with distinction in the United Nations Law, Human Rights Law and Law and Development
- Doctor of Laws (LLD), (Unisa) with distinction in Constitutional Law, Criminal Law and Thesis on Concepts of Law and Justice and the Rule of Law in the African Context

**Professional Qualifications:**

In 1979 Professor Motshekga was admitted as an attorney of the Supreme Court of South Africa in Pretoria. In 1984 he was admitted as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of South Africa in Pretoria.

**Work Experience:**

In 1983 Professor Motshekga practiced and lectured in Law at the Albert-Ludwigs University in Freiburg am Breisgau, Germany. Between 1984 and 1994 he lectured at the University of South Africa (Unisa). During this time he was also an Honorary Professor of Law and Political Science at the University of Pretoria. Professor Motshekga worked as a guest lecturer in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Durban, Westville. He was also a visiting Professor and an External Examiner on Religious Studies for the University of Cape Town. In 1989 he was a Professor Extraordinarius at the Unisa.

**Publications**

Professor Motshekga made the following publications:

- The principle of Legality
- Law and Justice in South Africa
- Women and Children and a Violent Society
- CEDAW in South Africa

**Conference Papers**

Professor Motshekga presented many conference papers in Germany, USA, South Africa, Malawi, Kenya, Zimbabwe on Law, Human Rights, African Culture and Religion. One such

paper was the paper for LGSeta titled "Restoration and Advancement of Cultural and Traditional Governance in a democratic South Africa".



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**Biography of Ms Nosipho Dorothy Ntwanambi (MP)  
Chief Whip of the NCOP and ANC NEC and ANC Women's League  
Deputy President**

Ms Nosipho Dorothy Ntwanambi is undoubtedly an accomplished dynamic and courageous public leader who joins the list of leaders who have played a pivotal role in helping define the political and social fabric of a post apartheid South Africa.

Her illustrious political involvement in the struggle against apartheid is a true epitome of a community leader who rose and surmounted the travesties of growing up in a repressive apartheid society that was characterised by deep rooted racial, cultural and gender discrimination that faced many of the women of her time.

Ms Ntwanambi was born on 25 September 1959 at Gugulethu in the Western Cape Province. The eldest daughter of five, she regards the year of her birth as interesting because:

*"it is the very same year that former President Nelson Mandela delivered his most revered speech, the Verwoerd's Grim Plot, fiercely criticising the apartheid government for legalising separate settlement for blacks, and the year of the birth of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC)."*

Growing up in a visibly marginalised and poverty stricken community in Gugulethu, Ms Ntwanambi had a relentless curiosity about the situation faced by many black people, particularly women in Gugulethu. She formally started her political life as a student during the 1976 uprisings that saw millions of students across South Africa protesting against the use of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in black schools.

Ms Ntwanambi attended school at Fezeka High School. At the age 22, she had extraordinary tactical-political skills and became what she would remain all her life: a determined and committed public leader whose vision and ideals was to fight the shackles of poverty, underdevelopment and the discrimination against women.

She then went on to become a teacher at Siyazingisa Primary School in 1983 until 1997, teaching English, Geography, History and Xhosa. Instead of the easy youthful life in a rural township, she would juggle her schedule between being a teacher and the home chores to attend secret meetings of like minded women from Gugulethu who went on to serve in various structures of the liberation movement.

In 1983, she joined the women activists that formed the United Women's Organisation (UWO) and then in 1985 she was one of the pioneers of the Democratic Teachers' Union (DTU), which later merged with other teachers' unions to form the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (SADTU).

Ms Ntwanambi is a political activist whose unparalleled dedication to the struggle against apartheid and the gender stereotyping of women saw her rise from the dusty streets of Gugulethu to serving in various leadership structures of the political formation that pioneered the demise of the apartheid regime in 1994, including serving in various positions in the ANC and its Women's League and joining the most powerful women in the corridors of Parliament.

Her continued selfless political commitment as a politically fired-up gender and human rights activist in the ANC resulted in her election to serve in the National Executive Committee (NEC) and the National Working Committee (NWC) of the ANC Women's League.

In 2003 she was elected convener on the Women's League NEC deployees in the Western Cape Province. She also serves in the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) and the Provincial Working Committee (PWC) of the ANC in the Western Cape Province.

Ms Ntwanambi joined the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) in 1999 and was elected Chairperson of the Select Committee on Economic and Foreign Affairs in 2004.

In 2005 she was elected Chairperson of the Parliamentary Women's Caucus and has served in various international structures such as the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Assembly (CPA) and the South African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC-PF). She was elected to the NEC of the ANC at its watershed December 2007 National Conference that was held in Polokwane and subsequently as deputy President of the ANC Women's League. She also holds various senior positions within the ANC and the ANCWL including serving as the convener of the ANCWL Communications Committee and the ANC's Legislature and Governance Committee.

In 2008, Ms Ntwanambi became the first woman to be elected the Chief Whip of the NCOP (a former senate and second House of Parliament), a position which she still holds, since its establishment in 1998. This has been hailed by several gender organisations as a major milestone in the representation of women in key decision making structures in Parliament.



### **Biography of Armiston Watson, MP Chief Whip of the Democratic Alliance**

Mr Watty Watson hails from Kwazulu-Natal and matriculated from Port Natal High School in Durban in 1962. He went on to study commerce and management and worked at the maize board until 1965. He then worked for Paragon Business Forms where he progressed from sales representative to sales and marketing manager. From 1981 to 1997, he worked for the Kontra Group, rising to the position of board chairman in 1994.

Mr Watson served at local government level in Mpumalanga for many years and on several different councils. These included positions on the Transvaal Roads Board, the Nature Conservation Committee and on the Marloth Park Local Council, where he was deputy mayor from 1991 to 1994. He then served on the Onderberg Local Govt. Council, Lowveld & Escarpment Regional Services Council and then as a Councillor and Leader of the Opposition in the Metsweding District Council.

Mr Watson began his political career as a member of the National Party in 1965. He joined the Democratic Alliance (DA) in 2000 and went on to hold several high profile positions in the Mpumalanga Provincial structures, including that of Provincial Director.

Mr Watson was first elected to Parliament in 2000 and then again in 2004 as a permanent delegate to the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) for the Mpumalanga Province where he was appointed DA Leader in the NCOP. He served in the NCOP's Select Committees on Land, Agriculture, Water Affairs, Nature Conservation, Tourism and Public services. Mr Watson was re-appointed as DA Leader in the NCOP on his re-election to Parliament in 2009.

Mr Watson also has a long and distinguished Masonic career and is a Past Assistant Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of SA. He is the South African representative for the Grand Lodge of Portugal and the Grand Lodge of Indiana, USA, and has since been elevated to the rank of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

Mr Watson has a love of languages and speaks many fluently including isiXhosa, isiZulu, Sesotho, Ndebele, siSwati and Setswana. He loves nature conservation, travel and outdoor living.



**Biography of Ms Juliana Danielle Killian, MP**  
**Acting Chief Whip of COPE**

Born in Johannesburg, the daughter of a journalist and news editor, Juli Kilian grew up in an active community and political environment.

After matriculating at Afrikaans Hoër Meisieskool in Pretoria, she persuaded her parents to allow her to break out of the then traditional female career options and set her sights on a diplomatic career. She went on to the University of Stellenbosch and obtained a BA degree, majoring in French, Public Administration and Public Law.

Working in Cape Town for the state Department of Information, Ms Kilian was introduced to the world of international and local politics, meeting visiting dignitaries and local politicians of the day. She left the public service after marriage and moved to Johannesburg where she worked as a translator for the SABC, during which period she received an Artes nomination for translation and dubbing of the French drama, Josephine, into Afrikaans.

In the early eighties, she became active in the reformist movement of the National Party and worked as full time regional secretary for Johannesburg, serving progressive ministers of the time, Pik Botha and Roelf Meyer.

Ms Kilian was elected as a ward councilor for the City Of Johannesburg on 26 October 1988 where she served until 1994. During this period she was an active participant and facilitator in the transitional forums and negotiating chambers for local government transition and also a councilor of the Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Transitional Council in 1995.

During the first democratic election in South Africa in 1994 she was elected to the Gauteng Provincial Legislature and served two five year terms until 2004.

As founding member of COPE she was elected to the Congress National Council and is the party's official liaison officer at the Independent Electoral Commission. She was elected to the National Assembly in April 2009 and appointed as a parliamentary whip for the Congress of the people.

Ms Kilian serves as a member of the Portfolio Committee on Communications, with oversight responsibility over the SABC, ICASA, and Telkom etc.



### **1. Personal**

Mr Koos van der Merwe was born on 4 August 1937. He is married to Annette Vorster, a teacher with whom he has three children: Jaco, a Commercial and Financial Accountant and Liquidator; Corrie, a Chartered Accountant and Senior Lecturer in Auditing; and Henri, a Novelle IT Engineer. He has nine grand children.

### **2. Profession**

Mr Van der Merwe is an IFP Member of Parliament, a Lawyer as well as a businessman.

### **3. Qualifications**

In addition to his law qualifications, he holds a BA and BA Honours degrees in Political Science and International Politics from UNISA and is currently studying for a PhD in political science.

### **4. Political career**

Mr Van der Merwe served as a Youth Leader of the National Party (NP) in Pretoria in the late fifties and served on the Transvaal Executive. He was elected to Parliament on 30 November 1977 as a member of the National Party. In 1982 he left the NP to become a founder member of the Conservative Party (CP). He was expelled from the CP in 1992 for his reformist views. In 1993 he joined the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) in 1993.

Mr Van der Merwe is the longest serving Member of the South African Parliament, serving in his 32<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year and also the longest serving Chief Whip and Whip.

During his membership of ten years in the Conservative Party, he served as:

- A member of its National Executive;
- Head of Information;
- Spokesman on Defense, Police and Home Affairs;
- Parliamentary Whip;
- Election Campaign Instructor;
- Editor of the newspaper DIE PATRIOT.
- Campaign manager in numerous elections having studied electioneering abroad and having written a book on electioneering.
- A member of numerous ad hoc and other Parliamentary Committees

As an MP of the Inkatha Freedom Party for the past 15 years, he has served as:

- Chief Whip of the IFP since 1994
- Spokesman on Justice
- Currently serves on more than a dozen Parliamentary Committees, such as the Rules of Parliament; Chief Whips Forum; Programming Committee; the Parliamentary Oversight Committee; the President's Pardon Committee; the Pikoli Committee; International Relations Committee; Parliament's Disciplinary Committee and others.

He has participated in overseas meetings of the International Parliamentary Union (IPU), in countries such as China, Cuba, New Zealand, Indonesia, the Philippines and Switzerland.

Mr Van Der Merwe was at one point instructed by the Speaker to defend Parliament in Manilla against a charge laid with the International Parliamentary Union by a former Member of the Western Cape Cabinet. He won the case.

### **Service on Special Commissions**

Mr Van der Merwe has been serving on the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) since 1997. He has also served on the Magistrates Commission as well as on the National Disciplinary Committee of the IFP.

### **Parliamentary career**

He has served on various Parliamentary Committees during the past 31 years, including Foreign Affairs, Pensions, Justice, Defence, Police, Parliamentary Rules, Parliamentary Programming, Chief Whips Forum, Disciplinary Committees, the International Parliamentary Union and has represented Parliament on numerous overseas visits.

### **5. Military career**

Mr Van der Merwe served for 15 years in the Citizen Force of the South African Defence Force. He successfully completed numerous promotional courses, *inter alia* the Unit Commander Course. He holds the substantive rank of Major. His experience includes serving in the war operational area. He has visited overseas defence forces. Mr Van der Merwe was awarded the Pro Party and John Chart Medals.

### **6. Legal work**

As part of his legal work, he managed international civil legal matters, acting for clients in Russia, England, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Holland, Israel, Australia, Angola, Mozambique, Romania, Zimbabwe and Italy. He has also managed dozens of criminal trials, representing hundreds of IFP supporters, including high political profile cases for the IFP such as defending IFP supporters in the Magnus Malan trial; the Shobashobane massacre. He represented some 150 IFP supporters in the Shell House Massacre Judicial Inquest; the Napoleon Mkhonza murder trial; amnesty hearings such as the Boipatong massacre and many others.

### **7. USA Government guest**

In 1988 he was invited as a USA Government guest on a one month leadership program visiting various cities of the USA, including visits to the head quarters of the Republican and Democratic parties.

### **8. Overseas seminars**

He has attended numerous overseas seminars and political meetings.

### **8. Welfare service**

He has served, for many years, as President of a Welfare Organization.

### **9. Portuguese community**

Mr Van der Merwe was intimately involved with the Portuguese Community in South Africa, forming the Directorate for Portuguese Affairs in 1979 in which he served as its first President. He speaks some Portuguese and has visited Portugal, Angola, Mozambique and Madeira on numerous occasions.

### **10. French**

He speaks some French and attended the University of Sorbonne, Paris.

## **11. Joining the IFP**

Mr Van der Merwe joined the IFP in 1993 because of, *inter alia*, its policies on federalism and pluralism which accommodated South Africa's diversity. He advocated the "*Buthelezi Plan*" to empower communities to manage their own affairs.

## **12. Travels**

He has travelled extensively, having travelled overseas more than a hundred times.

## **13. Hobbies**

Mr Van der Merwe is an ex private pilot. He is also a big game hunter, photographer who enjoys travelling, music and reading. He played first league rugby in Northern Transvaal and was involved in boxing as a boxer, referee and judge; He also plays golf and tennis.

## **14. IFP involvement**

He has been actively involved in the structures of the IFP over 15 years. Such involvement has included, but not limited to:

### ***Training workshops***

Arranging IFP training workshops for IFP supporters on courses such as -

- How to professionally manage an election;
- How to manage a vibrant Media Campaign;
- The duties of chairpersons, secretaries and other IFP officials
- How to raise funds

### ***IFP Forum***

Arranging an IFP Forum on why a million people have emigrated from South Africa with the IFP President leading the Forum.

### ***Agreement signed with Solidarity***

Negotiated with the Trade Union Solidarity which led to an agreement signed between the IFP and Solidarity for cooperation especially in respect of the unfair application of affirmative action.

### ***Involving the Afrikaner community***

The Pretoria IFP branch was formed and has a strong influence on Afrikaner support for the IFP.

### ***Fundraising***

Has raised large amounts of money for the IFP.

### ***General assistance***

Assistance in many forms has been and is still being sought practically on a weekly basis from him and his Law Office by IFP supporters with numerous IFP supporters still being represented in Court.

### ***Amnesty applications***

Has assisted hundreds of IFP supporters in prison to apply for presidential pardon. This matter is now before the Supreme Court of Appeal.

## **15. Personal details**

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**rus Mulder (Corné)**  
**Whip**

Dr. Corné Mulder is a member of the Executive Management Committee and is also Chairman of the Constitutional Committee of the Freedom Front Plus. In 1980 he obtained a B.luris degree at the Potchefstroom University, with Political Science and International Politics as additional majors. He completed his LL B degree in 1982 with distinctions in various subjects.

Dr Mulder embarked on research at the University of London's Institute for Advanced Legal Studies and the Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht, in Heidelberg, Germany. This research period supported the completion of a Doctorate in Constitutional Law (LL D) which he obtained in 1984 at the age of 26.

In 1987 he was admitted as an attorney of the High Court and he was elected as Member of Parliament in 1988.

In March 1994 he was directly involved in the founding of the Freedom Front Plus and he was re-elected as Member of Parliament on 27 April 1994, on 2 June 1999, on 14 April 2004 and again on 22 April 2009.

He is a member of the Portfolio Committee for Home Affairs, Provincial Affairs, as well as International Relations. As member of the Constitutional Committee of the Constitutional Assembly, he was involved in the compilation of the new Constitution of South Africa. After the 1999 General Election he was appointed as Chief Whip of the Freedom Front Plus, and was democratically elected to serve as Whip for the 9 smaller parties in Parliament.

For the past three (3) years he has served as a member of the Judicial Services Commission, the Commission that makes recommendations for the appointment of judges in South Africa.

Dr Mulder undertook extensive international tours for research and study purposes and played an important part in aligning the FF Plus with modern constitutional developments regarding self-determination and minority rights in the rest of the world.

He is married to Alma Visser and they have two sons and two daughters.