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CURRICULUM VITAE OF JACOBUS HERCULES VAN DER MERWE MP



Personal

Born on 4 August 1937 at Koppies, Free State, South Africa and is married to Annette Vorster, a teacher. The couple has three children, Jaco, an accountant, Corrie, a CA and Henri, a computer engineer.

Profession and qualifications

Lawyer and businessman

In addition to his law qualifications, he also holds a BA and BA (Hon) degrees in Political Science and International Politics from UNISA.

Political career

- Youth Leader of the National Party in Pretoria in the late fifties
- Elected to Parliament on 30 November 1977 as a member of the National Party and Member of Parliament since.
- Is currently the longest serving Member of the South African Parliament.
- In 1982 a founder member of the Conservative Party:
 - Served on its National Executive;
 - As Chief of Information;
 - Spokesman on Defense;
 - Parliamentary Whip;
 - Election Campaign Instructor;
 - Editor of the newspaper DIE PATRIOT.
 - Campaign manager in numerous elections having studied electioneering in overseas countries and written a book on electioneering.
- Expelled from the Conservative Party in 1992 for too liberal and reformist views.
- Since April 1994 Member of Parliament for the Inkatha Freedom Party, which, since 1994, has been part of the country's national Government:
 - Appointed Chief Whip from 1994 to 2004 and again as such until 2009
 - IFP Spokesman on Justice since 1994

Service on Commissions

- Since 1997 serves on the Judicial Services Commission.
- Served on the Magistrates Commission
- Serves on the National Disciplinary Committee of the IFP.
- Represents the IFP at the annual meetings of the Inter Parliamentary Union.

Parliamentary career

Served on various Parliamentary Committees during the past 26 years, including Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs, Pensions, Justice, Defense, Police, Parliamentary Rules, Parliamentary Programming, Chief Whips Forum, Disciplinary Committees, and represented Parliament overseas on numerous delegations.

Military career

- Served for more than 15 years in the Citizen Force of the South African Defense Force, successfully completing numerous promotional courses, *inter alia* the Unit Commanders Course
- Attained the rank of Major
- Served in the war operational area
- Visited overseas defense forces, and
- Awarded the Pro Patria and John Chart Medals

Legal work

- Managed international civil legal matters, acting for clients in Russia, England, Yugoslavia, Israel, Bulgaria, Holland, New Zealand, Australia, Angola, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.
- Specializing in international commercial transaction and structuring of joint ventures.
- Managed hundreds of criminal trails, including high political profile cases such as the General Magnus Malan trail, the Shobashobane massacre, the Shell House Massacre Judicial Inquest, the Napoleon Mkhonza trail, amnesty hearings such as the Boipatong massacre, and many others.

US Government guest and overseas seminars

- 1988 US Government guest on a leadership program.
- Numerous overseas seminars and meetings.

Welfare service

Served for many years as president of a renown Transvaal Welfare Organization.

Portuguese community

- Was intimately involved with the Portuguese community in South Africa, forming the Directorate for Portuguese Affairs in 1979, serving as its first President.
- Speak some Portuguese and French
- Visited Portugal and of Madeira on numerous occasions.

Political philosophy

As an Afrikaner, in the eighties realized that the days of apartheid were counted and Afrikaners urgently needed a new vision. Advocated a new internationally acceptable and morally justifiable constitutional model for Afrikaners to survive as a nation. In 1990 wrote what became known as the "*Koos Document*" carrying the reformist message that apartheid was outdated; a new strategy was to be devised and negotiations with the liberation forces should be engaged upon. His reformist views greatly embarrassed the Conservative Party and which expelled him.

Joined the IFP in 1993 because of its policies based on federalism and pluralism which accommodate South Africa diversity. Advocated the "*Buthelezi Plan*" to empower communities to manage their own affairs.

Travels

Extensive travels, been overseas more than a hundred times.

Hobbies

Ex private pilot, big game hunting, photography, traveling, music and reading.

Sport

Played first-league rugby in Northern Transvaal, boxed and played golf and tennis.