

Short Biography of the Senate Ethics Officer

Following a distinguished career in the Federal Public Service, Mr. Fournier was appointed Canada's first Senate Ethics Officer for a seven year term as of April 1, 2005. Mr. Fournier is an independent officer of the Senate and his primary responsibility is to administer, interpret and apply the *Conflict of Interest Code for Senators*.

Mr. Fournier joined the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs in 1968 and held a number of positions there. Mr. Fournier also served as an Assistant Deputy Minister in the Department of Communications and, later, as Assistant Deputy Minister in the Department of Finance, as Deputy Minister in the Department of the Secretary of State, as Executive Director of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, and as Deputy Solicitor General from 1993 to 2000.

In 2000, Mr. Fournier was appointed Canada's High Commissioner to the Commonwealth of Australia.

Mr. Fournier is a past member of the Boards of Directors of Telesat Canada, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Public Service Management Insurance Plan. He was a member of the Advisory Council of the Order of Canada from 1986 to 1991. He is currently a member of the Boards of Directors of the Vanier Institute of the Family and the Canadian Center for Substance Abuse.

Mr. Fournier graduated from Stanislas College in Montreal and earned a bachelor's degree at Queen's University and a Master's degree in Economics at Laval University.