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## FOREWORD

WARREN E. BURGER, CHIEF JUSTICE OF  
THE UNITED STATES

With four years as a student and a dozen or more as a member of the faculty of the William Mitchell College of Law, I am especially pleased that this *Law Review* is paying this tribute to Justice William Mitchell on the centennial anniversary of his appointment to the bench of the Supreme Court of Minnesota. In his nineteen years as a member of that court he left a mark as one of the most able of state court jurists.

Mitchell made important contributions to our state prior to his judicial career as a leading member of the bar, and in public office, having served for eight years as State District Judge. In almost two full decades on the high court of Minnesota, he authored over 1,600 opinions which covered the whole range of activities of the rapidly developing "heartland of America." This issue of the *William Mitchell Law Review* demonstrates that Mitchell was one of the foremost of that hardy company who built our state in those early years.

When his judicial career ended, he returned to private practice with his young son, William DeWitt Mitchell, who was later to go on to a career of great distinction on the national scene, first as Solicitor General, and then as Attorney General of the United States. In turn, my contemporary, William Mitchell, grandson of Justice Mitchell, served as General Counsel to the Atomic Energy Commission and since then has been a distinguished member of the Bar in Washington, D.C.

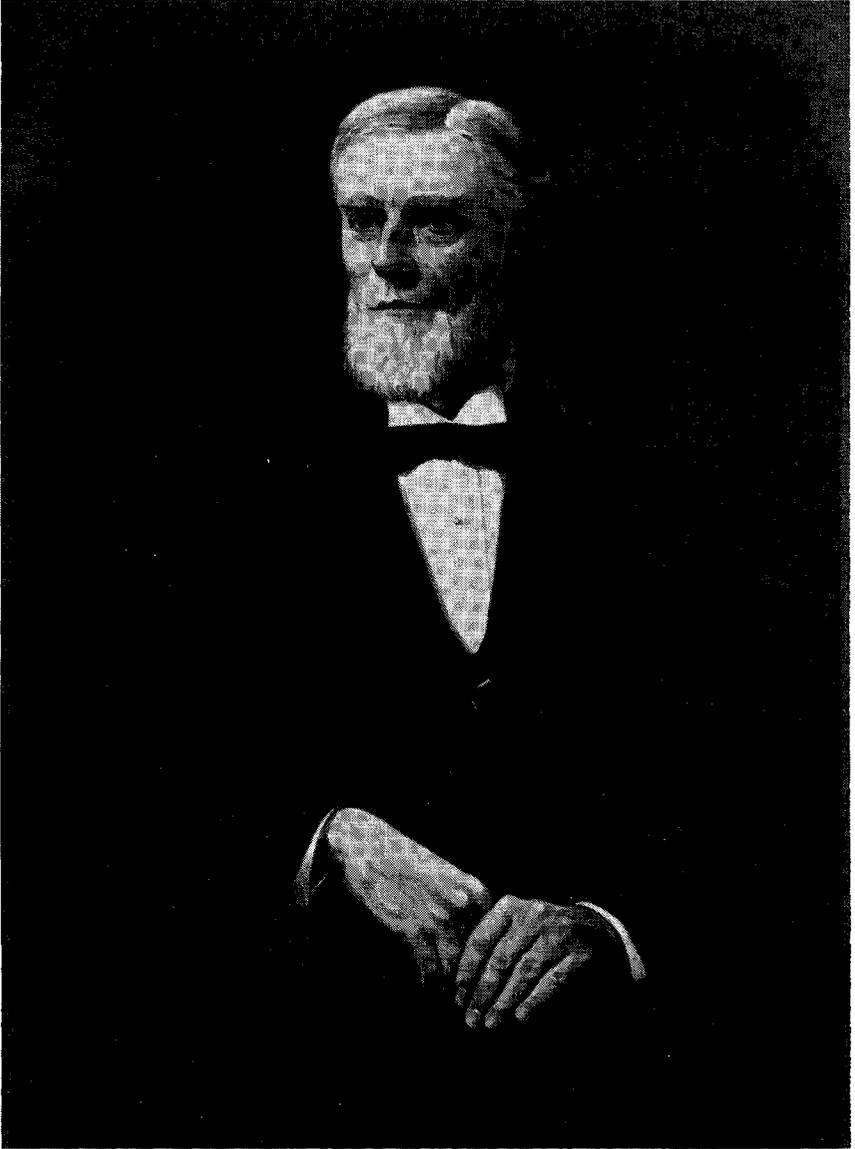
The Trustees of the St. Paul College of Law hoped to secure Justice Mitchell as first Dean of the College of Law, but he died a few weeks before it opened. It was highly appropriate that the law school which is the historic amalgam of the eighty-one year old St. Paul College of Law, Minneapolis College of Law, Northwestern College of Law, Minnesota College of Law, and YMCA College of Law now bears the name of Minnesota's great jurist.

Long known as "the lawyers' law school" because its faculty has traditionally included leaders of the Bar and leading jurists, the school manifests the sound pattern of having the teaching func-

tion shared by all three branches of our profession—a significant development now, once again, coming into vogue. For example, in the early years the regular faculty included such distinguished names as William DeWitt Mitchell, Pierce Butler (later Justice Butler), Frank B. Kellogg, later Secretary of State and a member of the Permanent Court of International Justice, and Robert E. Olds, later an Assistant Secretary of State.

I have been long proud of my association with the College and I am honored to take part in paying tribute to the illustrious Minnesotan for whom our school is named.

—WARREN E. BURGER



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## JUSTICE WILLIAM MITCHELL

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