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William Mitchell has had a rich history of serving people who could not get a legal education in a traditional law school. Most of that history has been as a night law school and as an institution providing a legal education with a flexible schedule. Over the years there have been many successes and some trials and tribulations. In all cases there have been men and women who have been at the right place at the right time to help this institution move forward.

Dean James Hogg has been at the right place at the right time. His tenure has had many successes as well as some difficulties and distractions, but with his leadership and perseverance this institution is today among the best. It was his vision that launched the campaign for the Warren E. Burger library, it was his business acumen that provided the school's current financial foundation, it was his commitment to scholarship that has attracted an energetic and productive faculty, and it was his cool-headedness that helped William Mitchell get through some of its tribulations.

History will record the tenure of Dean Hogg as among the most significant in William Mitchell's 100-year history. Of course, others have made significant and critical contributions along the way, but in the last ten years it has been Jim Hogg who has been the common denominator that has made it all happen.

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