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During his legal career as a University of Minnesota law professor, private practitioner with the large, well-known Minneapolis law firm of Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly, corporate counsel at Control Data, and his ten-year tenure as Dean and President of William Mitchell College of Law, Jim Hogg has exemplified the role of a lawyer as a true professional. Jim applies the highest ethical standards and a profound legal ability in serving his clients, the legal community, and the community at large. Jim practices service above self, which is one of the tenets of his Rotary Club which has about one and a quarter million members in some 187 countries and geographic regions.

Jim's leadership as Dean and President of William Mitchell has resulted in a solid financial balance sheet that includes reserves for building maintenance and repairs—a characteristic shared by few law schools throughout the United States. In addition, Jim's development office has raised an average of \$1 million a year for each of the last six years, and Jim has the structure in place for many future major fund drives.

Jim's ability to add new, relatively young, high-quality, committed professors has enhanced the already productive full-time faculty at William Mitchell. Our professors are teaching oriented while still producing excellent, practical, applied research and writing that is utilized by practicing lawyers, judges, bar association committees, and legislators to the great benefit of clients and the general legal community.

Dean and President Hogg's substantial interest and background in computers resulted in the renovation and equipping of a classroom to fully utilize computers in legal education. This includes not only student-professor interactive teaching, but also the future efficient use of computers by our graduates in the practice of law. This also has provided the foundation for the future expansion of this technology to other classrooms and for

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one-on-one computer communication between students and their professors.

Jim Hogg's participation in the American Bar Association and the American Association of Law Schools, his meetings with William Mitchell graduates and others throughout the United States, and the quality enhancement of legal education under his leadership have given William Mitchell a national reputation for preparing students for the real world by combining theory and practical application in their practices.

As a member of Jim's senior administrative team, it was a pleasure to observe his quick study ability, his incisive decision making, and his reliance on and utilization of his team's expertise and collective advice in action. True appreciation of the human being known as Jim Hogg does not come, however, until a person listens to his animated talk about his two very large poodles, Harry and Katy, or until a person listens to his description of his and his wife Gail's trip to Israel and the in-depth guided tour in which they participated while there, or until one listens to his glowing New Zealand-accented descriptions of the successes of William Mitchell graduates.

William Mitchell College of Law has been the 10-year beneficiary of Jim Hogg's stewardship and will be the beneficiary of the solid groundwork Jim put in place for William Mitchell's even greater excellence many, many years into the future.