

PHOTOGRAPHS

OF

WILLIAM DEWITT MITCHELL

(1925-1935)

William DeWitt Mitchell
(1874-1955)

William DeWitt Mitchell was born on September 9, 1874, in Winona, Minnesota, the son of a famous justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court from 1881 to 1900. A graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School in 1896, he practiced law for a few years in Winona, then in St. Paul until 1925, when he left to serve in the U. S. Justice Department in Washington, D. C.

The photographs that follow are of Mitchell's service in the Justice Department during the administrations of Presidents Coolidge and Hoover.



He was Solicitor General from June 4, 1925 to March 4, 1929, and Attorney General from March 4, 1929 to March 4, 1933. This painting of General Mitchell hangs in the Department of Justice in Washington.

His term over, he moved to New York City where he practiced law, was active in the bar association and served on many commissions, including the first Advisory Commission on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. He died in Syosset, New York, on August 4, 1955,

at age eighty.

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**Residence of Justice Mitchell and
boyhood home of William DeWitt Mitchell,
Winona, Minnesota (1875).**

Source: Winona County Historical Society



Solicitor General William D. Mitchell
Source: Department of Justice



Solicitor General Mitchell taking oath of office (ca. June 4, 1925).
Source: Harris & Ewing Collection, Library of Congress.



William D. Mitchell, new Solicitor General, with wife and son William.
(June 8, 1925).

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Solicitor General William D. Mitchell at his desk. (1925).
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Attorney General Mitchell
(ca. 1929-1933)

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Attorney General Mitchell
Date of photograph: 1929.
Source: Naval History and Heritage Command.



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The Attorney General in his office, Washington D. C. (1929).
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Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., is sworn in as Solicitor General of the United States. Hughes is son of the former Secretary of State and one time Republican candidate for the Presidency (1916). He succeeds William D. Mitchell who now is Attorney General. In the photograph, left to right: Charles B. Sornborger, Assistant Chief Clerk of the Department of Justice; Attorney General William D. Mitchell; Charles Evans Hughes, Jr. Photograph taken June 1, 1929.

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Gustav Aaron Youngquist, former Attorney General of Minnesota, is sworn in November 22, 1929, as Assistant Attorney General of the United States. In the photograph, left to right: Charles B. Sornborger, Assistant Chief Clerk of the Department of Justice, who administers the oath; Attorney General William D. Mitchell and G. Aaron Youngquist

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Swearing in ceremony (ca. June-July 1930).
Attorney General Mitchell, second from left; far right, Charles B. Sornborger, Assistant Chief Clerk of the Department of Justice, who administers the oath; others not identified (though Assistant Attorney General Youngquist may be on far left).

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The Attorney General and his wife in Washington D. C. (1929).
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President Hoover met with his newly created Law Enforcement Commission at the White House on the afternoon of May 28, 1929. In the front row, seated, left to right: Roscoe Pound; Ada L. Comstock; William D. Mitchell, Attorney General; President Hoover; George W. Wickersham, chairman of the Commission; and William S. Kenyon. In the back row, left to right: Kenneth R. MacIntosh; Monte M. Lehman; Paul J. McCormick; William J. Grubb; Frank J. Loesh; Newton D. Baker; and Henry W. Anderson.

Date of photograph: May 28, 1929.

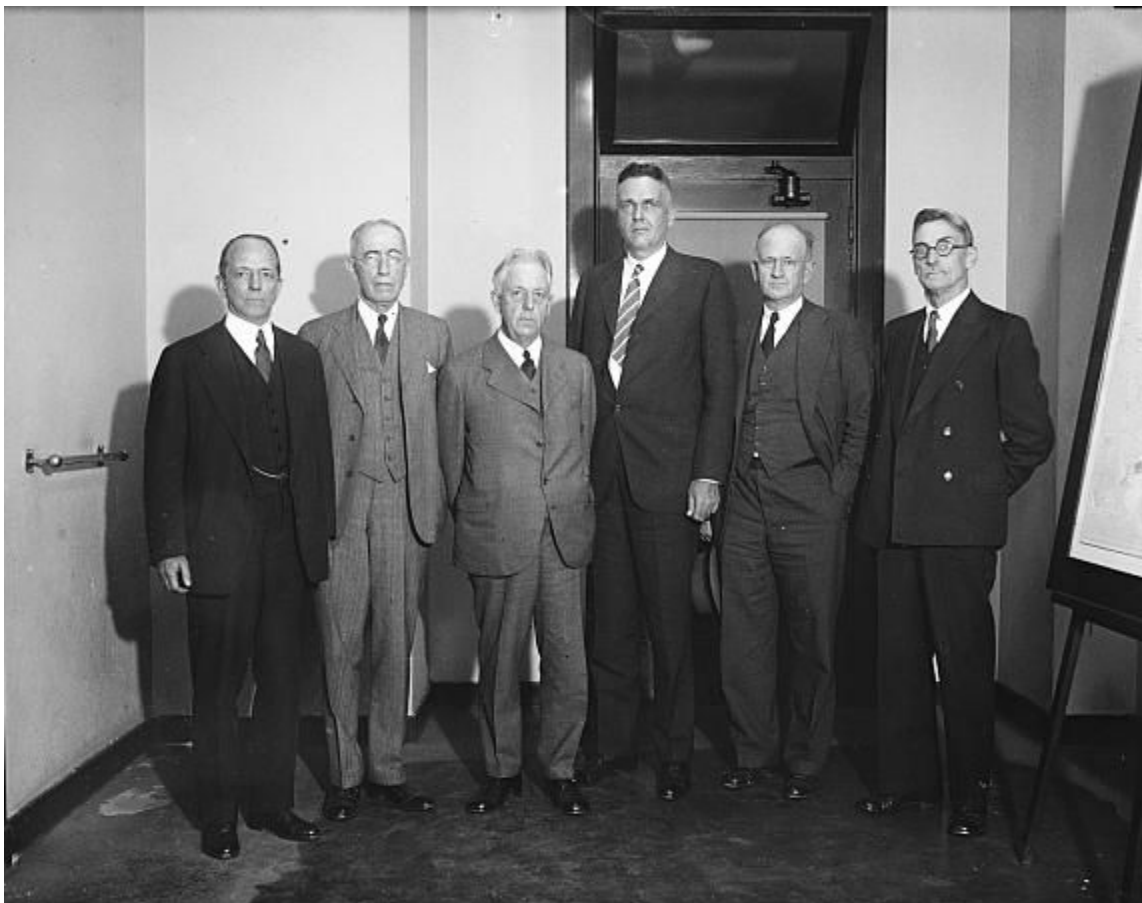
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Mrs. Herbert Hoover and cabinet ladies at amaryllis show. The First Lady of the land and ladies of the cabinet viewed the beautiful blooms at the Department of Agriculture amaryllis show in Washington on March 23, 1932. In the photograph, left to right; Mrs. Ogden L. Mills, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury; Mrs. Arthur M. Hyde, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture; Mrs. Herbert Hoover; Mrs. Charles Francis Adams, wife of Secretary of Navy; Mrs. Walter F. Brown, wife of Postmaster General; and Mrs. William D. Mitchell, wife of Attorney General.

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**Attorney General on left, others unidentified (ca. 1932-1933).
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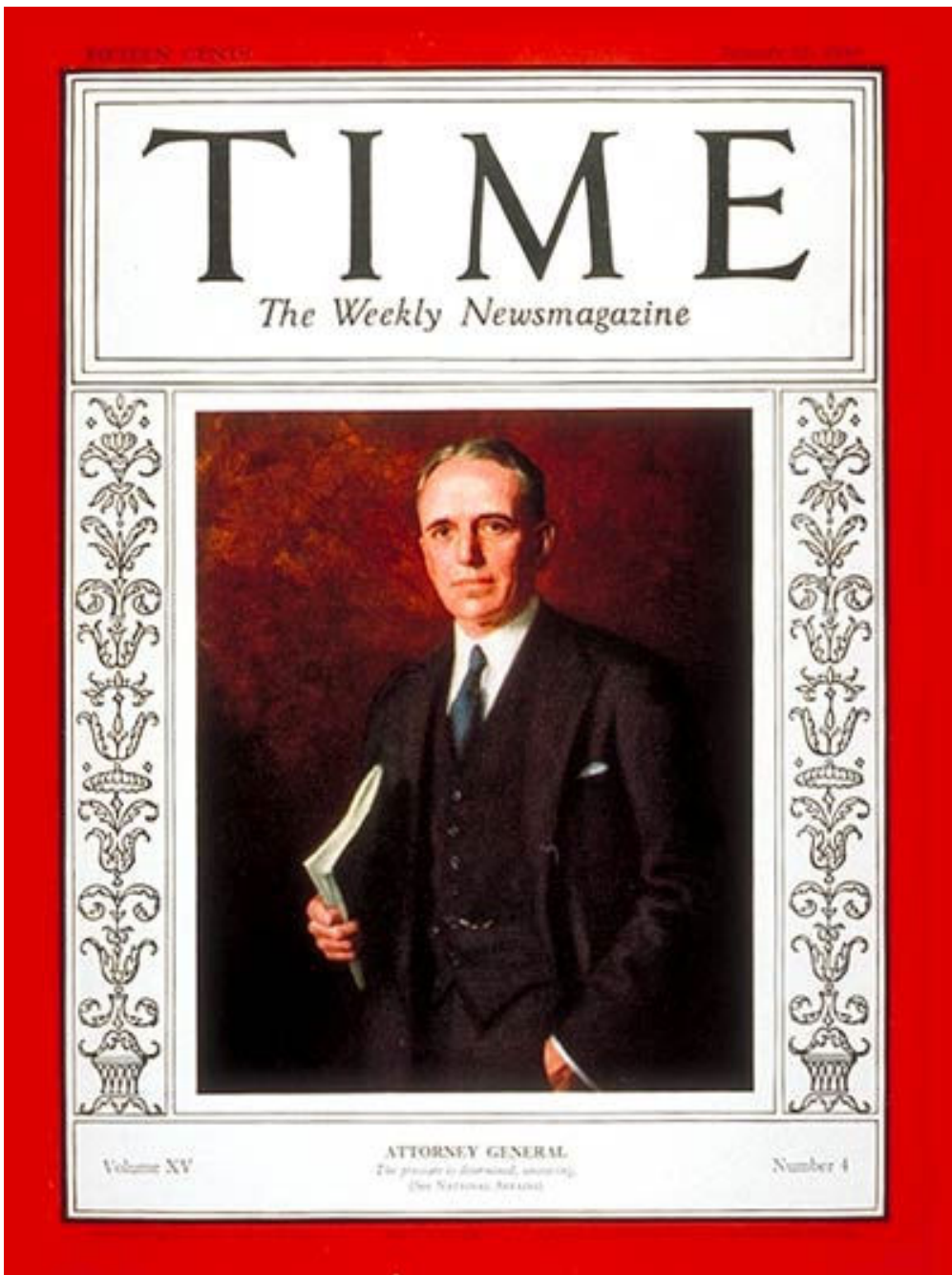
This is the first picture to be made of an official meeting of any legal body in the new U.S. Supreme Court building. Former Attorneys General William D. Mitchell (1929-1933) and George W. Wickersham (1909-1913) head the United States Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Civil Procedure. The meeting was in the conference room next to the court chamber, and was the first time a conference room has been used in the new building. Photograph taken on November 13, 1935.

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First exclusive picture in new Supreme Court building. Members of the United States Supreme Court Advisory Committee on rules of Civil Procedure in an exclusive Harris & Ewing photograph which was the first to be made of any legal group in the new Court building. The committee is working out a uniform set of rules to be used in district courts to so as to secure one form of procedure. From the left, seated: Edison R. Sunderland, U. of Mich.; Chas. E. Clark. Yale; Wm. D. Mitchell, former attorney general; Edgar B. Colman, Spl. Ass't Att. Gen/; George W. Wickersham, former Attorney Gen. (Standing), L to R: James Moore, clerk; Ferdinand Stone. Edward C. Jaegerman, both clerks; Geo. Donworth, Seattle; A.M. Dobie, Virginia Law School; Warren Olney, Jr., San Francisco; Robt. G. Dodge, Boston; Monte N. Lee Lemman, New Orleans; Edmund M. Morgen, Harvard; Wilbur H. Cherry, Minn.; S.M. Loftin, former Bar Assn. Pres. Photograph taken: November 1935.

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