

“Don’t go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.”

– Mark Twain



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YOU NEED TO KNOW

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TITLE : **Assoc. Attorney** COMPANY : **Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, P.L.L.C.**
Mitchell Williams Law Firm is one of the state’s largest full-service law firms, but it still maintains its small firm values and collegiality. In my experience, the firm is committed to the community, to serving its clients and to maintaining its ethical responsibilities. Also, the firm bends over backwards to support and help its employees — it truly is a Mitchell Williams “family.”

DAILY PLANNER (mon-fri)

- 6:00am** :: Hit snooze on my alarm clock.
- 6:30am** :: Hit snooze again.
- 7:00am** :: Ditto.
- 8:00am** :: Get out of bed, shower and dress.
- 8:30am** :: Catch the weather; decide whether the dogs stay inside or go out for the day.
- 9:00am** :: Arrive at work and check the 100 emails in my inbox.
- 9:30-11:30am** :: Research, conference with clients, draft contracts and purchase agreements, attend meetings.
- 11:30am** :: Get my veggie soup and muffins, surf the net.
- Noon-2:30pm** :: Research, conference with clients, draft contracts and purchase agreements, attend meetings.
- 2:30-3:00pm** :: Work on volunteer project.
- 3:30pm** :: Take a break. (i.e. eat a snack and get my tenth Diet Coke of the day!)
- 3:45pm** :: Finalize letters or filings and get them out the door. Research, conference with clients, draft contracts and purchase agreements, attend meetings.
- 5:30pm** :: Leave office for volunteer meeting or an event, or continue work at office.
- 7:30 or 8:00pm** :: Arrive home, eat dinner, play with dogs, continue work.
- 9:00pm** :: Brain dead – watch some mindless TV or read a book.
- 10:00pm** :: Relax and try to go to sleep.
- 10:45pm** :: Still trying to go to sleep.
- 11:30pm** :: Ditto.
- 12:30pm** :: Fall asleep.

why i love this

First, because I do something different almost every day. Second, because most of what I do is solving problems or figuring out how to achieve a goal, then working towards it. It’s like doing a puzzle, and I love puzzles.

career goal

Become a Member of the firm AND be well respected in the legal community.

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Best business advice you ever received and who gave it?

I don’t remember who gave it, but someone once told me that you should never ask anyone you work with to do something you aren’t willing to do yourself. In other words, treat everyone you work with – be it a client or someone you manage – as you want to be treated.

Who consistently inspires you? People who embrace change and who are willing to take risks. **What business men and women do you admire the most?** Bill Gates.

HOW WILL YOU KNOW when you are successful?

I am successful when I have put in my best work, have given the most I can give and feel like I have truly fulfilled my potential.



- Tote Designer bag
- A.M. coffee A.M. soda
- Hours a week? **60+**

FAVORITE WORKPLACE EXPRESSION

“It’s cake-time!”