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Most recently David Mitchell served as Vice-Principal (Advancement) at Queen's University. Previously he served as Vice-President, University Relations at the University of Ottawa, where he led an important branding initiative and successfully completed a major fundraising campaign which exceeded its \$200M objective more than one year ahead of schedule. Prior to that, he had served as Vice-President, External Relations at Simon Fraser University from 1997 to 2002.

David Mitchell's diverse career path has also included senior positions in both the public and private sectors. Serving as a Member of the British Columbia Legislature from 1991 to 1996, he was a watchdog on a broad range of issues including parliamentary reform, advanced education, resource management and labour relations. He had previously gained experience in parliamentary procedure and legislative processes as Deputy Clerk of the Saskatchewan Legislature.

Mr. Mitchell also has significant private sector business experience, having held executive positions within western Canadian resource industries, including vice-president of marketing and general manager of industrial relations.

David Mitchell holds a Master's degree in Canadian and American history from Simon Fraser University. An award-winning writer and former newspaper columnist, Mr. Mitchell contributes to several newspapers and magazines and serves as a frequent public affairs commentator on television and radio.

The father of two daughters he is married to author and media critic, Shari Graydon. He is a board member of the Parliamentary Centre in Ottawa and the Centre for the Study of Democracy at Queen's University.