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James P. Whyte Jr.
Former Prosecutor

J. P. Whyte Is Appointed W&M Dean

Times-Dispatch News Bureau
WILLIAMSBURG — James P. Whyte Jr., acting dean of the Marshall-Whyte School of Law at the College of William and Mary for the past year, has been named dean, it was announced yesterday.

Dr. W. Melville Jones, vice president for academic affairs at William and Mary, said Whyte's selection was approved by the executive committee of the college's board of visitors after a 10-month search.

Dr. Davis Y. Paschall, college president, said Whyte has been largely responsible for the improved facilities, larger enrollment and increased resources at the law school.

Whyte, a member of the law faculty here 12 years, is a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Bucknell University and the University of Colorado law school. He was a prosecuting attorney in McAlester, Okla., and a lawyer for a pipeline firm in Kansas City, Mo., before coming to William and Mary.

He serves as a judge for labor arbitration panels of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, the American Arbitration Service and Association, and the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry.

During World War II, he was a naval commander, a trial and defense counsel for general courts martial.

Whyte is married and the father of three sons. His wife is a former member of the Williamsburg School Board.

The law school here has about 200 students and a faculty of 15.