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Williamsburg News Bureau
WILLIAMSBURG — J. P. Whyte, Jr., acting dean of the Marshall Wythe 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 made after an extensive nationwide search of the college's board of visitors after a semester search.

Dr. David V. Paull, college president, said Whyte had been largely responsible for the improved enrollment and increased admissions of the law school.

Whyte, a member of the law faculty for 22 years, is a graduate of Michigan and a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Colorado law school. He was a partner in the firm of Whyte, Whyte & Delmar and a member of the bar in New York City 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 Association, the Industrial Relations Association, and the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry.

During World War II, he was a naval commander a trial and defense counsel for the armed forces.

Whyte is married and the father of three sons. He is a member of the Williamsburg Country Club.

The law school here has about 300 students and a faculty of 12.