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The Marshall-Wythe School of Law honored Whitney North Seymour of New York, a past president of the American Bar Association, at its annual law review banquet Saturday at the Williamsburg Lodge.

Mr. Seymour received the Marshall-Wythe Medallion which was commissioned in 1966 for presentation by the School of Law to leaders of the legal profession in the United States and abroad.

Mr. Seymour, senior partner of the New York law firm of Simpson, Thatcher and Bartlett, was president of the American Bar Foundation from 1960-64; president of the American College of Trial Lawyers, 1963-64; president of the Institute of Judicial Administration, 1968-69; and president and chairman of the American Arbitration Association, 1953-55 and again from 1955-57. He was president of the American Bar Association from 1960-61.

NEW FACULTY

Marshall-Wythe will attain another first with the arrival of one of three new professors expected next September. Dr. Erma M. Lang, A.B. Ohio State; M.A., Ph.D. Harvard; J.D. Georgetown, will be the first woman law professor to teach at William and Mary. Dr. Lang will come to us directly from the University of Mississippi School of Law. She is a member of the District of Columbia, Nevada, and Massachusetts Bars and has practiced law in both Boston and Lake Tahoe, Nevada. She has also served as a foreign service officer, working as an economic analyst in Paris, Vienna and Washington.

The other new faculty members will be Messieurs Douglas Rendleman and Elmer J. Schaefer. Mr. Rendleman received his B.A., M.A. and J.D. at the University of Iowa and his LL.M. at the University of Michigan. He was a law clerk for an Iowa Supreme Court Justice for a year and has been on the faculty of the University of Alabama Law School since 1970.

Mr. Schaefer received his A.B. at Northwestern University and his M.A. and J.D. at Harvard. He has been with the Chicago law firm of Jenner and Block since 1969.

MOOT COURT TOURNAMENT

Six schools participated in the prestigious Annual William and Mary Invitational Moot Court Competition on Saturday, April 14. Hosted by the Marshall-Wythe team were teams from the University of Maryland, University of Virginia, University of North Carolina, Duke University and defending National Moot Court Team Champion Georgetown University. Oral arguments contested the constitutionality of the "bombshell charge" to juries during criminal trials, i.e. the charge to a deadlocked jury that they must soon come to a decision. Georgetown won first place for their argumentative excellence, while Duke placed second. Heading the list of seven prominent judges for the competition was former Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark.

STATUS REPORT

Three hundred twenty graduates had pledged \$22,350 to the Marshall-Wythe School of Law Fund as of May 1 toward the \$25,000 matching challenge offered by the College's Board of Visitors.

According to the terms of the Board's challenge, a sum of \$25,000 will be

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made available from endowment as an impetus to the drive on the assumption that an equal amount will be raised from fifty percent of the membership of the Law School Association.

Wayne O'Bryan of Richmond, President of the Law School Association, is chairman of this the School's first annual alumni fund drive. Over ninety volunteers are contributing time and energy to the effort. Professional guidance and staffing is being provided by William and Mary's Office of College Development.

Contributions should be made payable to "William and Mary - Law School" and mailed to Marshall-Wythe School of Law Fund, Box EH, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185.

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Third-year law students of Marshall-Wythe have initiated a fund-raising effort among members of that class.

Each graduating student is being asked by class volunteers to pledge his financial support of the School for three years following completion of his degree.

According to Tom Wright, who is coordinating the effort among students, his twelve volunteer workers pledged over \$1,000 during their one-hour organizational meeting.

The effort among students was formally kicked-off at a cocktail party hosted by the Law School Association for third-year students, spouses, and fiancées. Wright reports that as of May 1 \$6,530 had been pledged, topping the class goal of \$5,000. §