

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Wage and Hour Division
Washington

George A. McNulty will be appointed General Counsel of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, to succeed Calvert Magruder, after the latter is confirmed by the Senate as Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the First (New England) Circuit, Administrator Elmer F. Andrews announced today.

Mr. McNulty, who is presently Associate General Counsel of the Division, would then be succeeded in that post by Rufus G. Poole, who is now Assistant General Counsel, Mr. Andrews said.

Nomination of Mr. Magruder to the judgeship was sent to the Senate by President Roosevelt a week ago.

Messrs. Magruder, McNulty and Poole have been with the Wage and Hour Division since its establishment.

Mr. McNulty resigned as Assistant General Counsel of the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 29, 1938, to become Associate General Counsel of the Wage and Hour Division.

For several months prior to this he had been loaned to the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee and served as its counsel during the "Little Steel" investigations following the strike in the summer of 1937.

Mr. McNulty was born in St. Louis, Mo., on February 11, 1900. At the age of 21 he was graduated from St. Louis University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1925 he received his LLB degree from Harvard Law School and for eight years practiced law in St. Louis.

In August, 1933, Mr. McNulty came to Washington to join the legal staff of the National Recovery Administration. He was promoted rapidly from sectional counsel to Division Counsel and then to Assistant Chief of the Litigation Section

of NRA. In September, 1935, he resigned from NRA to join the legal staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In this capacity he participated in a number of the larger anti-manipulative stock market investigations including those of M. J. Meehan, E. L. Cord and certain of the partners of E. F. Hutton & Co.

On June 2, 1932, Mr. McNulty married Miss Louise Frances Keeshan, of St. Louis. They have a son, George Jr., aged 4. They live at 3110 Quebec Place, N. W., Washington, D. C.

On June 2, 1917, Mr. McNulty enlisted in the 128th Field Artillery, Missouri National Guard. Discharged because of an injury, he later joined the Army Flying Corps and was completing his course of instruction for flying when the armistice was signed.

Mr. Poole first came to Washington on December 1, 1933, as Assistant Solicitor of the Department of Interior.

After his graduation with the degree of LLB from University of Chicago in 1927, he had served as counsel to the Illinois Senate and House of Representatives, drafting state legislation and preparing, first for Governor Emerson (R) and later Governor Horner (D), revisions of the state tax laws.

While in the Department of Interior, Mr. Poole was named chairman of the Legislative Policy Board which prepared and supervised legislation for the various activities of the Department.

On March 1, 1938, Mr. Poole was named Associate Solicitor of the U. S. Department of Labor and devoted the next five months to helping draft the Wage and Hour law and assisting in preparations for its administration. On September 29, 1938, he was appointed ^{Assistant} General Counsel to the Wage and Hour Division.

Mr. Poole was born in Aberdeen, S. D. on December 14, 1902. He obtained his common school education in South Dakota before attending the University of Chicago. On August 5, 1936, he married Miss Helene Slack Roosevelt (no relation to the President) daughter of a Viennese surgeon who emigrated to America and

became a medical officer in the United States Army. Mr. and Mrs. Poole reside at 1921 19th Street, N. W.

Mr. Magruder, whose appointment to the Federal appellate bench is now awaiting Senate confirmation, is a native of Maryland. He was general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board in 1934 and 1935. Immediately after the World War he was an attorney for the United States Shipping Board.

While serving as General Counsel for the Wage and Hour Division, Mr. Magruder has been on leave from Harvard University, of which he has been a professor of law since 1920.

He was graduated from St. John's College, Annapolis, and from Harvard Law School, cum laude. During 1916 and 1917 he was secretary to Supreme Court Justice Brandeis and then for two years a Lieutenant of Infantry in the war.

He is married and has ^{three}~~two~~ sons. He is a member of the American Bar Association, of the National Lawyers Guild, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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