

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
Washington

CHARLES A. WOOD WAGE-HOUR REPRESENTATIVE FOR PUERTO RICO

Appointment of Charles Axford Wood as Territorial Representative in Puerto Rico of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, was announced today by Acting Administrator Paul Sifton. He will arrive in Puerto Rico this week. Murray J. Backus, who has been acting Territorial Representative for several months will continue as supervising inspector in Puerto Rico.

Mr. Wood, who is 40 years old, was born in East Orange, New Jersey. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1922 and from the Columbia University Law School in 1925. After postgraduate work in public and international law, he practiced admiralty law in New York City from 1926 to 1929, and later was assistant to the foreign trust officer of the National City Bank.

He became associate counsel of the Labor Advisory Board, National Recovery Administration, in 1934. Later, he was a member of the legal branch of the National Labor Relations Board. He is married and has one child.

Before leaving for Puerto Rico, Mr. Wood spent several weeks in the Washington offices of the Wage and Hour Division familiarizing himself with the various activities of the Division, particularly inspection and legal work.

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