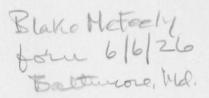
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Changes in the legal staff at the Denver office of The Great Western Sugar Company were announced today by Robert R. Owen, president.

Edward A. Walsh, director of legal affairs and corporate secretary, was granted early retirement at his own request on Wednesday. He was succeeded by Blake McFeely, assistant secretary and tax counsel at the Denver office of Great Western United Corporation, parent firm of GW Sugar.

McFeely, who was appointed to the new post of vice president of legal affairs and secretary, came to GW United in 1969 from private practice in Baltimore, Md. Earlier, he was with Gulf Oil in Pittsburgh, in private practice in Washington, D. C., and with the Internal Revenue Service in Washington.

A 1949 graduate of Yale University, McFeely earned his law degree at the University of Maryland in 1959 and a master's degree in taxation law at Georgetown University in 1961. From 1949 to 1953, he served in both the Navy and the Marine Corps.

Walsh was a member of the sugar firm's legal staff for 22 years. Earlier, he was in private practice for three years in Greeley, Colo. He is a long-time member of the Denver and Colorado Bar Associations. Walsh earned his law degree at Cornell University in 1942 and his undergraduate degree at Rutgers University in 1939. From 1942 to 1946, he served in the Navy. He was born in New York City and raised in New Jersey.