Judge Miner weighed for post

HUDSON — U.S. District Court Judge Roger J. Miner of Hudson has emerged as a leading candidate for appointment to the Second Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals.

He is to be interviewed in Washington, D.C., Wednesday by top officials of the U.S. Justice Department as a candidate for one of two new seats on the court.

If appointed by President Reagan and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, he would be the first Hudson native ever to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Judge Miner, a 50-year-old Republican who formerly served as Columbia County district attorney and a State Supreme Court judge, was quoted today as saying he had been recommended by Republican U.S. Sen. Alphonse D’Amato and “others as well.”

He also is said to have the support of New York Republican Congressmen Gerald Solomon, Jack Kemp, and Hamilton Fish Jr.

Judge Miner could not be reached by The Register-Star this morning for comment, apparently having already left for Washington.

The Second Circuit Court of Appeals covers New York, Connecticut and Vermont.

Judge Miner was appointed by President Reagan in 1981 as U.S. District Court judge for the Northern District of New York, which covers 32 counties. His chambers are in Albany. (jc)