More than 500 persons are expected to throng the federal courtroom in Albany Sept. 14 to witness the noonday investiture of Roger J. Miner as judge of the Second Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals.

The 50-year-old Republican from Hudson in Columbia County — a former state Supreme Court justice who became a federal judge in 1981 — is the first judge from the Northern District of New York to be appointed to the appeals bench.

Chief Judge Wilfred Feinberg of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals will preside over the special session of that court — the first ever held in Albany — at which numerous dignitaries will take part in the swearing in program to be attended by invitation only.

Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, who recommended Miner for the appointment made by President Ronald Reagan on June 21, will be keynote speaker.

Miner will be sworn in by his 81-year-old father, attorney Abram Miner of Hudson, who as a notary is authorized to administer the oath of office.

Speakers will include Ralph Lancaster of Maine, a member of the American Bar Association standing committee on the judiciary; Justin Vigor of Rochester, president of the New York State Bar Association; and Republican Reps. Gerald Solomon of Queensbury and Hamilton Fish Jr. of Milbrook. The latter is the ranking minority member of the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Speaking as representatives of the bench will be Senior Judge James T. Foley Jr. of the Northern District, representing the Federal Court system, and state Supreme Court Justice Leonard A. Weiss of Albany, a member of the Appellate Division of the Third Judicial Department, representing the state court system. As many as 250 judges from various parts of the Second Circuit, which includes the states of New York, Vermont and Connecticut, are expected to be present.

A reception will be held after the ceremony.