Editorial

Judge Miner a credit to the area

When U.S. District Court Judge Roger Miner of Greenport becomes a member of the Second Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals on Saturday he will be the first Albany-based judge to be elevated to that post.

Educated in the Hudson school system and the state university, his climb up the judicial ladder started in 1956 with admission to the bar in New York and to the U.S. Court of Military Appeals when he served in the Army.

Judge Miner was a first lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, serving in Japan and South Korea. He was honorably discharged from the Army Reserve in 1964 as a captain.

Political involvement by the 51-year-old jurist has included serving as president of the Columbia County Young Republican Club and counsel to both the Association of New York State Republican Clubs and the Columbia County Republican Committee.

He served as corporation counsel to Hudson from 1961-64, was assistant district attorney in Columbia County in 1964 and was elected district attorney in 1968, serving until 1975.

In a contested election for State Supreme Court justice for the Third Judicial District in 1976 he won his first judicial position. The Register-Star in a rare political editorial endorsed his candidacy because of our belief in his qualifications and integrity.

Next, President Ronald Reagan appointed him a federal judge serving the 32-county Northern District in 1981.

After just four years in that position he will move to the second highest federal court in the nation.

The ceremony at the federal courthouse in Albany will be marked by the appearance of leading New York State legal and political figures.

Judge Miner's record of fine service to his city, county, state and nation evokes the pride of Columbia County's residents.

We wish him the utmost success at his newest endeavor and take pleasure in expressing the joy of his many friends.