Judge Miner Receives Oath Of 2nd Circuit

ALBANY — Roger J. Miner, U.S. District Judge in the northern district of New York, was sworn in Saturday as a judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals' Second Circuit.

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He is the first Court of Appeals judge to have chambers in Albany. He will serve New York, Connecticut and Vermont.

Miner, 51, has been a U.S. District Court judge in the state's northern district since 1981. He has also been a justice for the state Supreme Court's Third Judicial District, district attorney and assistant district attorney in Columbia County and corporation counsel for the city of Hudson.

He was also a partner in Miner & Miner in Hudson from 1959 to 1975, specializing in trials. He has been a lecturer for state and local bar associations and for Albany State University's graduate program in court systems management.

Miner has received the New York Law School Dean's Medal for professional service and its Law Review Alumni Award, the Albany Jewish Federation Award, Columbia County Man of the Year award in 1984 and several other honors.

Miner was recommended for his new post by U.S. Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato, who had also recommended him for his district court judgeship.

President Reagan nominated him in June, with the appointment later confirmed by the Senate.

"I'm elated," the Hudson native said after he was nominated. "I think it's the goal of any lawyer or judge to serve on this particular court."

MAKING HISTORY — Roger J. Miner made history when he was sworn in as a judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals, the first U.S. District Court judge from New York's northern district to be named to the nation's second highest court. — (Gazette Photo)