Miner joins federal appeals court Saturday

Judge Roger J. Miner of Livingston will be invested as a circuit judge of the United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, during ceremonies Saturday at the federal courthouse at 445 Broadway, Albany.

The 400 seat courtroom is expected to be crammed when the popular jurist takes the oath of office from his father, Hudson Attorney and former city judge Abram Miner, at noon.

The Court of Appeals is the second highest court in the nation, one step below the nine-member Supreme Court.

Arrangements for the investiture are under the supervision of federal authorities and admission will be by invitation only.

Presiding over the ceremony will be Second Circuit Court Chief Justice William Feinberg.

Governor Mario Cuomo has been invited and may attend the ceremony during which United States Senator Alfonse D'Amato and Congressman Gerald Solomon and Hamilton Fish Jr. will speak.

Others addressing the gathering will be Ralph Lancaster, a representative of the American Bar Association Committee on the Judiciary; Justin Vigdor, president of the New York State Bar Association; State Supreme Court Justice Leonard Weiss of the Appellate Division; James T. Foley, senior judge of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York; and Rabbi Philip Schlenker of Catskill.

A reception will follow at the Best Western Hotel, 300 Broadway, Albany.