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Two of Metroland's three newly elected state Supreme Court judges won't need time to get accustomed to the rustle of their robes starting Jan. 1.

That's because they already are judges.

Emerging as victors in Tuesday's races were Ellis J. Staley Jr. of Loudonville and Columbia County district attorney Roger J. Miner of Hudson in the Third Judicial District and William L. Ford of Saratoga Springs in the Fourth Judicial District. All are Republicans.

In the 11-county Fourth Judicial District, unofficial returns show Ford with 100,451 votes to 87,969 for his nearest competitor, Democratic and Liberal candidate Arthur R. Greenberg of Glens Falls. Conservative John D. Meader of Scotia polled 13,019 votes.

In the seven-county Third Judicial District, unofficial figures showed Miner with 135,812 votes, Staley with 131,026 votes, and two Democrats, incumbent Justice Milton Levine of Sullivan County with 128,414, and Daniel Prior of Albany with 122,356.

Staley already is on the Supreme Court bench, serving out the term of the late Louis G. Bruhn of Kingston. Earlier, he had served an elected term

on the Supreme Court bench. The other Third Department seat is that vacated by Judge Lawrence H. Cooke, who moved to the Court of Appeals—the state's highest.

Ford is now a state Court of Claims judge. He will fill a vacancy which will be created by J. Clarence Herlihy, who will have reached the mandatory retirement age. Ford explained that he will sit on the Supreme Court trial bench. Herlihy, who is presiding justice of the Supreme Court's Appellate Division in Albany, will be succeeded in that capacity by someone named by the governor.

The Supreme Court terms are for 14 years.

The Fourth Judicial District spans Schenectady, Saratoga, Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington counties.

In the Third District, where Miner, whose campaign was complicated when his private law office was recently ravaged by fire, and Staley beat out Levine and Prior, Levine had been filling by appointment the Cooke vacancy on the Supreme Court bench.

The district includes Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia, Greene, Sullivan, Ulster and Schoharie counties.

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Republican candidates for Supreme Court in the Third and Fourth Judicial Districts remained in the lead late Thursday, the apparent winners despite still-unofficial results.

The results, according to the candidates:

Third District: Republican Roger J. Miner of Hudson, 143,090; Republican incumbent Ellis J. Staley of Loudonville, 142,393; Democrat Milton Levine of Sullivan County, 140,138 and Democrat Daniel Prior, 133,117.