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Congratulations are in order for U.S. Judge Roger J. Miner, the Albany-area jurist who has been nominated by President Ronald Reagan for appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

If he is confirmed by the U.S. Senate, which is expected to happen, he will serve on the high-court bench in New York City. Upstate's loss will be Downstate's gain.

Judge Miner is a familiar figure Upstate. He is well-known to many Upstate lawyers who have practiced before him in Federal Court,

and especially well-known to Syracuse's two Federal Court judges — Neal P. McCurn and Howard G. Munson.

Judge Miner has come up through the ranks. Nearly a quarter-century ago he was corporation counsel for the City of Hudson. Later he became an assistant district attorney in Columbia County, and then district attorney. As so many district attorneys do, he stepped up to the state Supreme Court, a position he held until he was named to the federal bench in 1981.

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