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Roger J. Miner of Hudson, was sworn in as a federal district judge of the 32-county Northern District of New York, Saturday, in an impressive ceremony attended by 300 guests at the Post Office building, Albany.

A host of friends from Columbia County along with political luminaries saw the 47-year-old Miner take the oath of office administered by his father and former law partner, Abram Miner of Hudson. The new justice's wife, Jacqueline, held the Bible.

Judge Miner succeeds Judge James T. Foley who decided to take senior status and reduce his case load, thus creating the vacancy for the \$70,300-a-year post.

Miner was appointed for life by President Ronald Reagan after his nomination by United States Senator Alfonse D'Amato of New York.

The list of well-wishers at the event included Albany Mayor Erastus Corning II, New York Bar Association President David Williams, state Supreme Court Justice Edward S. Conway, U.S. Rep. Samuel Stratton, D-Amsterdam, and Assembly Minority Leader James L. Emery, R-Geneseo.

Long active in Republican politics, Judge Miner was president of the Columbia County Young Republican Club and served as counsel to both the Association of New York State Republican Clubs and Columbia County Republican Committee.

He was elected Columbia County district attorney in 1968 and elected to a 14-year term on the state Supreme Court in 1975.

Columbia County now has two federal judges. In addition to Judge Miner, Judge Lawrence Pierce of East Chatham, sits in the Southern District of New York.



GREETING THE JUDGE are Richard and Joanne Conera of Hudson, right, chatting with newly sworn-in federal Judge Roger J. Miner following ceremonies Saturday at the federal court house in Albany. Almost 400 people crammed the court house to watch the ceremonies in which Judge Miner became the first federal judge from Columbia County since 1813. Judge Miner, who resides in Livingston was administered his oath of office by his father, Abram Miner of Hudson.

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