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## Senate confirms Miller for federal bench seat

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LITTLE ROCK — The U.S. Senate has unanimously confirmed Arkansas Appeals Court Judge Brian Miller for a seat on the federal bench.

Miller takes over the seat that opened up when U.S. District Judge George Howard died last year. The Senate confirmed his nomination Thursday by an 88-0 vote.

President Bush nominated Miller for the position in October.

"It has been an honor to help shepherd Judge Miller's nomination through the Senate confirmation process," said U.S. Senator Mark Pryor, D-Ark. "Throughout this process, senators came to know Judge Miller as we in Arkansas do — an experi-

enced judge who presides with impartiality and integrity. I am confident he will continue to serve with distinction and aptly fill the shoes of the late Judge George Howard Jr."

Miller is a native of Helena-West Helena. He graduated from the University of Central Arkansas and earned his law degree from Vanderbilt. He has served on the appeals court since January 2007.

"He has a reputation for being a tough but fair litigator who is a respected prosecutor and tireless advocate," U.S. Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., said on the Senate floor Thursday. "He has received overwhelming support from the legal community around my state for his nomination."