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## Biographical / Historical

Shelley L. Dowling was the Librarian of the United States Supreme Court from 1989 to 2003. She graduated from Bishop Amat Memorial High School in 1965 and entered Mount Saint Scholastica College. After graduation, she worked in Cornell Library System, Georgetown University Law Library, and other libraries before working for the Court.

## Content Description

This collection includes career correspondence, documents, photographs, awards, books, artifacts, and research material (dated from 1904 to 2019) from the 45-year career of Law Librarian Shelley L. Dowling. Included are materials from Dowling's college, graduate school, and Law school. The collection primarily contains materials from the United States Supreme Court where Dowling was Librarian of the Court from 1989 to 2003. Correspondence includes those from professional colleagues, visitors to the Court, and Supreme Court Justices.

## Keywords

Burger, Warren E., 1907-1995

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged in four series: Series I. Chief justices papers, Series II. Correspondence, Series III. Personal papers, and Series IV. Professional papers.

## Description of Subordinate Components

**Series I. Chief Justices papers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606804

**Unit Date** 1979-2019

## **Scope and Contents**

This series primarily contains documents from and related to the United States Supreme Court justices. The justices include chief justices Warren Burger and William Rehnquist as well as justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The documents include letters, photographs, printed copies of email, magazines, and newspaper articles.

### **Chief Justice William Rehnquist**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606808

**Unit Date** 1989-2007

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Binder)

### **David Souter, Clarence Thomas, Anthony Kennedy, Byron White, Samuel Alito**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606809

**Unit Date** 1990-2014

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Binder)

### **Harry Blackmun, Thurgood Marshall**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606810

**Unit Date** 1990-2004

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Binder)

### **Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606811

**Unit Date** 1993-2019

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Binder)

### **Justice Sandra Day O'Connor**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606812

**Unit Date** 1989-2014

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Binder)

### **Warren E. Burger, William Brennan, Antonin Scalia, Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606813

**Unit Date** 1985-2017

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Binder)

### **Betty Wells prints (copies)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606835

**Unit Date** 1979-1999

**Mixed Materials** 22 (box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

### **Justice Sandra Day O'Connor magazine articles**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606836

**Unit Date** 1989-2006

**Mixed Materials** 22 (box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

## **Series II. Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606805

**Unit Date** 1968-2019

**Scope and Contents**

This series includes correspondence documents related to Shelley L. Dowling. They include gift cards, letters, printed copies of emails between Shelley L. Dowling and visitors and scholars to the Supreme Court.

**Birthday cards, etc.**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606817

**Unit Date** 1999-2015

**Mixed Materials** 7 (Binder)

**Christmas cards**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606820

**Unit Date** 1994-2017

**Mixed Materials** 8 (Binder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606821

**Unit Date** 1985-2019

**Mixed Materials** 9 (Binder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606823

**Unit Date** 1989-2003

**Mixed Materials** 10 (Binder)

**Correspondence cards & letters**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606824

**Unit Date** 1985-2015

**Mixed Materials** 11 (Binder)

**Correspondence cards & letters**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606825

**Unit Date** 1988-2003

**Mixed Materials** 12 (Binder)

**Correspondence cards & letters**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606826

**Unit Date** 1988-2007

**Mixed Materials** 13 (Binder)

**Correspondence email**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606827

**Unit Date** 1999-2017

**Mixed Materials** 14 (Binder)

**White House: inaugurations; Christmas cards, stamps**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606828

**Unit Date** 1968-2009

**Mixed Materials** 15 (Binder)

**Series III. Personal papers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606806

**Unit Date** 1967-2019

## **Scope and Contents**

This series contains Shelley L. Dowling's personal papers. The documents include photographs, letters, printed copies of emails, newspaper articles, resumes, and printed internet articles. Papers include those from Shelley Dowling's high school, Bishop Amat Memorial High School as well as other schools and educational institutions she had studied and worked at, including William & Mary, Georgetown University, and Cornell University.

### **Bishop Amat Memorial High School**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606830

**Unit Date** 1992-1996

**Mixed Materials** 16 (Binder)

### **Resume documents: Georgetown Law, UMKC Law, Pasadena LIB, Rutgers, Cornell, MSSC**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606829

**Unit Date** 1967-2019

**Mixed Materials** 17 (Binder)

## **Series IV. Professional papers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606807

**Unit Date** 1904-2016

### **Scope and Contents**

This series includes Shelley L. Dowling's professional documents, primarily her resumes, speeches, and reports of events during which she worked as the Supreme Court Librarian. The documents include printed copies of emails, letters, photographs, newspaper articles, and drafts of speeches.

### **Helen Newman (1904-1965), Supreme Court Librarian 1947-1965**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606831

**Unit Date** 1904-1965

**Mixed Materials** 18 (Binder)

### **SCT, library events + reports**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606833

**Unit Date** 1990-2007

**Mixed Materials** 19 (Binder)

### **Shelley Dowling Supreme Court resume documents**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606832

**Unit Date** 1989-2003

**Mixed Materials** 20 (Binder)

### **Speeches, Lehrman Award**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/606834

**Unit Date** 1992-2016

**Mixed Materials** 21 (Binder)