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**MS 179 African American Museum & Library at Oakland Vertical File Collection**

The African American Museum & Library at Oakland Vertical File Collection consists of programs, flyers, correspondence, posters, pamphlets, and ephemera collected by the African American Museum & Library at Oakland.

- **Box 21:8**
  St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church (Oakland, Calif.) / Luncheon honoring Black women judges, and attorneys of the Bay Area 1986-10-26

- **Box 43:6**
  Politics / Judge Jacqueline Taber election flyer 1978-06-06

- **Box 53:9**

**MS 169 Oakland Post Photograph Collection**

- **Box 3:3**
  Armstrong, Saundra Brown / Portrait of Judge Saundra Brown Armstrong [in Bethel Baptist Church Job Coordination Committee 18th annual program][218] 1989-09-10

- **Box 1**
  Banks, Sharon D. / Portrait of Sharon Banks, attorney for the AC Transit District [351] circa 1980s

- **Box 11**
  Brown, Sandra / Portrait of attorney Sandra Brown [1070 A-C] 1984-04-22

- **Box 22:4**
  Davis, Fania / Attorney Fania Davis (right) standing with man and woman [2008] 1981-10-21

- **Box 41:4**
  Lewis, Charlotte / Civil rights attorney Charlotte Lewis [4145] circa 1960s

- **Box 72**
  Stout, Juanita / Portrait of judge Juanita Stout [7323] circa 1960s

- **Box 76**
  Williams, Jayne Ware / Portrait of Oakland city attorney Jayne Ware Williams [7642] 1987-05-20

- **Box 82**
  Wright, Marion / Portrait of attorney Marion Wright [8260] circa 1960s

**MS 5 Stephens Family Papers**

The Stephens Family Papers consists of photographs and ephemera documenting Stephens Restaurant, Virginia’s winning entry in a 1915 newspaper contest, and Virginia Stephens Coker’s achievements as a lawyer.

Virginia Stephens became the first African American woman to receive a law degree from University of California Berkeley’s Boalt School of Law in 1929.

After working in private practice for ten years, Virginia received an appointment as Attorney in the State Office of the Legislature Council in Sacramento in May, 1939. In this capacity, she helped with drafting and amending legislative bills, and worked under four different legislative councils. Upon her retirement in 1966, Virginia had attained the position of Deputy of the Indexing Section.