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Andowah Newton began her career as a CPA/auditor and internal controls analyst for PwC and Estée Lauder, after earning degrees in Accounting and French from Georgetown University in 1999. During her summers, she interned in Johnson and Johnson's accounting departments in New Jersey and Paris.

Ms. Newton then earned dual law degrees in U.S. and French law from Cornell Law School and The Sorbonne in 2006. During law school, Ms. Newton worked as a summer associate at top law firms in New York and Paris. She published a Note in the Cornell International Law Journal which won her the Robert H. Jackson Award for Best Published Student Writing on International Law, and has been cited in numerous publications including by a U.S. Congresswoman in the Harvard Journal on Legislation.

Ms. Newton began her legal career as a judicial clerk for the First Vice President Judge of the International Criminal Court in The Hague. From 2007-15, she litigated complex commercial cases at top law firms in New York. She was named a NY Super Lawyers Rising Star in Business Litigation and was selected for the Hispanic National Bar Association's Latina Commission Leadership Program. She also dedicated significant time and effort to pro bono work, providing legal advice to detained immigrants and obtaining asylum, work visas, and protective orders for victims of human rights violations and domestic violence.

Ms. Newton is admitted to practice law in New York State, the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the Supreme Court of the United States. She is a member of the Association of Black Women Attorneys, the Hispanic National Bar Association, and the Metropolitan Black Bar Association. She formerly chaired the New York City Bar Association African Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on International Tribunals.

Since 2015, Ms. Newton has worked at LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton Inc., where she is currently Vice President, Legal Affairs, reporting directly to the General Counsel. She also created and leads their Pro Bono Program.

Ms. Newton has coordinated pro bono clinics with CUNY's Citizenship Now, NYC Bar Association's Fresh Start, and Safe Passage, and volunteered with the Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights Election Protection program. For twelve years, she served as a mentor, legal debate coach, and legal debate judge for high school and law school students in the Legal Outreach and Inroads programs.

Ms. Newton has been a featured speaker or speaker at more than twenty legal and business conferences. Since 2017, she has served on the Advisory Board of the Women, Influence, and Power in the Law conference. And in 2019, she founded a nonprofit whose mission is to empower youth, in memory of her baby brother Ryan Newton.

Ms. Newton is fluent in French and proficient in Spanish. She is the former Chair of the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees of the New York Choral Society, in which she has been a Soprano 1 since 2001.