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Ms. Lawson is the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for the Social Security Administration (SSA), Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) Office of Audit, Program Audits and Evaluations. Ms. Lawson started her audit career working to improve the integrity of SSA's programs in the Boston, Massachusetts office in 1989. Rona later served as an Audit Manager and Audit Director in Boston for several years. Over the years, Ms. Lawson has led audit staffs in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Falls Church, Kansas City, Dallas and Baltimore. In 2003, Rona became the Office of Audit's Executive Officer, where she coordinated nationwide audit activities and administrative functions.

Throughout her career, Ms. Lawson has received numerous individual and team awards, including Commissioner's Citations and Inspector General Awards. Rona's assignments have included many audits of SSA's disability programs, as well as recommending numerous improvements to reduce improper payments. Ms. Lawson has served on several special assignments and workgroups during her career, as well as leading peer reviews of the OIGs of the Agency for International Development and the Treasury Department. In 2000, Ms. Lawson was the first SSA OIG employee in the Council for Excellence in Government's Fellows Program. Also, in 2002, Rona completed Harvard University's JFK School of Government, Senior Executive Fellow Program.

Ms. Lawson is a Certified Public Accountant who graduated Magna Cum Laude' from Eastern Kentucky University and received her Masters of Science in Accounting from the University of Kentucky.