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Calmetta Coleman is Chief Operating Officer of the Chicago Urban League. She is responsible for ensuring efficient operations across the organization, overseeing programs, providing strategic leadership for external affairs, and helping to execute the vision of the President and CEO. She previously served as Executive Vice President of External Affairs & Programs. Prior to joining the Chicago Urban League in October 2017, Calmetta served as Director of Communications for Civic Engagement at the University of Chicago, developing and executing communication strategies to increase awareness of the university's impact through civic engagement and serving as a spokeswoman on community and civic issues.

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Calmetta lives in Chicago with her husband and has two children in college.