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Abby Staudt leads the Housing Group at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. Abby joined Legal Aid in 2006 as a staff attorney and was previously a supervising attorney before being named managing attorney of the Housing Practice Group in 2015. Her practice includes representing tenants at risk of losing access their subsidized and private housing and improving housing policies. She is currently focusing on lead poisoning prevention and the development of a program providing a right to civil counsel in eviction cases under Cleveland's newly passed legislation.

Abby is the co-chair of the Advisory Board to the Office of Homeless Services. Abby has served as the President of the Board of Directors of Cogswell Hall, an organization in the Detroit-Shoreway that provides quality low-income housing and supportive services to people with disabilities and people who were formerly homeless.

Abby received her law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law. While in law school, she worked at Cabrini Green Legal Aid and was President of the Kent Justice Foundation, which funded grants for law students to intern at public interest agencies. Prior to going to law school, Abby served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia and Madagascar and as a caseworker at a women's shelter and a subsidized housing provider. Abby has a B.S. in Anthropology from Santa Clara University.