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Debra Lavey is a senior attorney at Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE), a non-profit regional law firm that provides high quality legal assistance in civil matters to help eligible low-income individuals and groups in western Ohio achieve self-reliance, equal justice and economic opportunity. She graduated from the University of Dayton School of Law in 1999 and has spent her legal career serving low-income individuals and groups. Prior to joining ABLE, she was employed by Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. (LAWO) and the Legal Aid Society of Dayton, Inc. (LASD).

Debra has served as counsel in a variety of litigation aimed at preserving public and subsidized housing, enforcing fair housing laws, and protecting the housing rights of tenants. She has co-chaired the statewide legal aid housing taskforce and has given numerous presentations on Ohio landlord-tenant law, federally subsidized housing and fair housing. She has been recognized for her dedication in advocating for the rights of low-income people.