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Amy Laura Cahn is a Senior Attorney and Interim Director of the Healthy Communities & Environmental Justice Program at the Conservation Law Foundation. At CLF, Amy Laura collaborates with community-based partners to identify and implement solutions to historic and emerging environmental and climate justice challenges across New England and ensure that all can participate in the decision-making that impacts their communities. Amy Laura joined CLF from the Public Interest Law Center in Philadelphia, where she was a Skadden Fellow and Director of the Garden Justice Legal Initiative—the nation’s first urban agriculture law clinic. For several years, Amy Laura served as legal counsel to residents in the frontline floodplain community of Eastwick in addressing its legacy injustices of the nation’s largest urban renewal project.

Following law school, Amy Laura clerked for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division. Amy Laura has served as a co-chair of the the Philadelphia Mayor’s Food Policy Advisory Council and contributed a combined sixteen years of board service Jane Place Neighborhood Sustainability Initiative (New Orleans), Neighborhood Gardens Trust (Philadelphia) and Bread and Roses Community Fund (Philadelphia). She is a longtime community organizer and a co-founder of the Bluestockings Women’s Bookstore, one of North America’s last remaining feminist bookstores. In 2004, Amy Laura co-authored a community-based participatory research study on childhood lead paint poisoning that helped overturn New York City’s lead laws.

She has a B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Hunter College and a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. While at Penn Law, Amy Laura was a Toll Public Interest Scholar, a Louderback Legal Writing Fellow, and founder of the Penn Law Environmental Law Project. Amy Laura’s contributions have been recognized by the Penn Law Alumni Society Young Alumni Award, Bread and Roses Community Fund Trailblazer Award, HIAS Pennsylvania Community Service Award, and through a resolution and citations from the Philadelphia City Council.