Two Auckland lawyers, Adrienne Anderson and Sarah Nolan, were awarded this scholarship in 2010. Each received $25,000 to assist their post-graduate study.

Adrienne Anderson
BA/LLB (Hons) University of Auckland

Adrienne plans to study for an LLM in Public International Law at the University of Michigan. Her focus will be on International Human Rights Law and International Refugee Law.

Adrienne graduated from the University of Auckland in 2008 with a BA, majoring in Spanish and an LLB (Hons). Before leaving to start her LLM she was employed as a research assistant for a refugee law project at the University of Melbourne.

The Law Foundation established the Ethel Benjamin scholarship to commemorate New Zealand’s first woman lawyer. It is awarded each year to outstanding women scholars to support post-graduate research in law that encompasses the foundation’s wider objectives, in particular research that will protect and promote the interests of the public in relation to legal matters in New Zealand. Most years, two scholarships are awarded.