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

Sarah Nolan
BA/LLB (Hons) University of Canterbury

Sarah will begin studying towards an LLM at the University College of London in late September. She plans to further her interest in resource management and environmental law, specialising in Environmental Law and Policy.

Sarah studied at the University of Canterbury and graduated in 2007 with a BA majoring in Geography and an LLB with first class honours. Her honours dissertation was entitled ‘Affected persons under the Resource Management Act 1991’ and was published in ‘Resource Management Theory and Practice’ and ‘Canterbury Law Review’ journals.

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.