Claudia Geiringer of Wellington and Misty Bailey of Auckland are this year’s recipients of the New Zealand Law Foundation Ethel Benjamin Award, which commemorates New Zealand’s first woman lawyer.

**Claudia Geiringer**
**Victoria**

Claudia will be attending Columbia University in New York to complete a LLM in constitutional and human rights law. She is also enrolled in the United Nations externship which offers the opportunity to spend time inside the UN watching international law formation.

The award is merit-based and is made to outstanding women graduates from a New Zealand university to help fund post-graduate law studies either here or overseas. It is targeted towards research that encompasses the wider objectives of the Law Foundation - promoting and protecting the interests of the public in relation to legal matters.

A selection panel comprising Law Foundation trustees Christine French and Rae Mazengarb, Professor Tony Angelo from Victoria University and Professor David Parry from Massey University chose this year’s recipients.

Convener of the NZ Vice-Chancellors’ Scholarships Committee Professor Parry commented that every year the award attracted extraordinarily high quality candidates which made the task of choosing very difficult for the selection panel. These candidates would achieve enormously in the future, he said.