There are two Ethel Benjamin Scholarship winners in 2013. The recipients of this New Zealand Law Foundation award are Emma Peart and Sally Trafford.

Emma Peart graduated from University of Otago in 2010 with a BA / LLB (Hons).

She tutored in Law at the University of Otago in 2009, and taught law at Victoria University of Wellington in 2011. From 2010-2012 Emma was employed as a judges’ clerk at the High Court in Wellington and for the past 2+ years has been a solicitor in the litigation team at Chapman Tripp.

While studying at University Emma was winner of the NZ Law Students Association National Negotiation Competition, and has since judged negotiation competitions for University of Otago and VUW.

Emma was also a co-founder and executive committee member of the Society of Otago University Law Students Tenancy Programme that gave free legal advice to students on tenancy issues.

Emma takes up study at Cambridge later in the year for her LLM in private law. This will include taking papers in Commercial Equity and the Law of Restitution. Emma is planning to study the nature of joint ventures and to focus on whether parties to joint ventures should be subject to fiduciary obligation.

Information about Sally Trafford, the other 2013 winner of this scholarship, is available on the Law Foundation’s web site.

The Ethel Benjamin scholarship honours New Zealand’s first woman barrister and solicitor, who was admitted to the bar in 1897. Since the centenary of this event, the Law Foundation has awarded this scholarship annually to outstanding New Zealand women law graduates for post-graduate study. The award is worth up to $50,000 and details of the award and previous winners can be found on the Ethel Benjamin Scholarship page of the Foundation’s website.