There are three Ethel Benjamin Scholarship winners in 2014. The recipients of this year’s New Zealand Law Foundation award are Elizabeth Chan, Lani Inverarity and Zoe Fuhr.

**Elizabeth Chan** graduated from Auckland University in 2012 with an LLB (Hons) and a BA in Law, Political Science and French, and was admitted in 2013.

She has been a judge’s clerk to Sir Peter Blanchard, Sir Robert Chambers and Justice Terrence Arnold in the Supreme Court since 2012. Her ultimate aim is to join the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade as a trade negotiator, developing expertise in negotiating the investment arbitration chapters of free trade agreements and investment treaties.

Elizabeth plans to study towards an LLM at Yale Law School, where she will specialise in international commercial arbitration. She says her study is driven by her desire to understand the implications of investor-state arbitration for New Zealand’s economic future. Her dissertation will be on how international investment law should balance the rights of investors against the sovereignty of states to make laws in the public interest.

Information about **Lani Inverarity** and **Zoe Fuhr**, the other 2014 winners 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.