

V.ALUM 2025

Law Alumni Magazine

Awards, honours, and appointments

Congratulations to all those in our community—students, staff, and alumni—who have been recognised with awards, honours, and appointments this year.

Alumni

Honourable Justice Michael Arthur (LLB 1989) was appointed as a judge of the High Court.

Sir David Carruthers (LLB 1964, LL.M(Hons) 1968) received an honorary Doctor of Laws from Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, in recognition of his exceptional career and public service work.

Honourable Justice Francis Cooke (LLB(Hons) 1989) was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court.

Brian Dickey (LLB 1990) was appointed to the rank of King's Counsel.

Dr Andrew Eruti (LLM 1996) was awarded the [Borrin Foundation Justice Fellowship](#) to undertake a scoping study on tino rangatiratanga in post-Treaty-settlement Aotearoa. [Read more.](#)

Oliver Fredrickson (LLB(Hons) 2020) was awarded a [Borrin Foundation Travel and Learning Award](#) to complete an internship at the Centre for Justice Innovation in London. [Read more.](#)

Annette Gray (LLB 1986) was appointed as a judge of the Family Court.

Sarah Jerebine (LLB(Hons) 2001) was appointed to the rank of King's Counsel.

Paul Keegan (LLB 1993) was appointed to the rank of King's Counsel.

Thalia Kehoe Rowden (LLB(Hons) 2001) was awarded a [Borrin Foundation Travel and Learning Award](#) to travel to South Africa and Ireland to build relationships focused on human rights and justice system improvements. [Read more.](#)

David Laurenson (LLB 1991) was appointed as a judge of the District Court.

Chief Parliamentary Counsel Cassie Nicholson (LLB(Hons) 1995) was appointed to the rank of King's Counsel.

Alan Webb (LLB 1989) was appointed to the rank of King's Counsel.

Faculty

Professor Richard Boast was named a [Ngā Ahurei a Te Apārangi Fellow](#), recognising distinction in research, scholarship, or the advancement of knowledge at the highest international standards. [Watch his New Fellows Seminar here.](#)

Dr Marnie Lloyd was awarded a Visting International Professor Fellowship by the Ruhr University of Bochum's Research School in Germany, and was also appointed as an Affiliated Researcher and Visitor with the European Research Council-funded [MERCURY Project on access to justice for victims of violations of human rights and international humanitarian law by mercenaries](#) at the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, and as Co-Chair of the Australia & NZ Society of International Law (ANZSIL) International Peace and Security Interest Group.

Her article "[Sticking together while standing one's own ground](#)": [The meanings of solidarity in humanitarian action](#) was awarded the 2025 ANZSIL Early Career Article Prize.

Professor David McLauchlan has been awarded the status of Emeritus Professor.

Assistant Lecturer Kelly Mitchell was awarded a Mai i te Iho ki te Pae Special Commendation, in recognition of staff who have demonstrated quality engagement with mātauranga Māori or Māori communities, as part of their Ki te Pae Excellence Awards applications.

Professor Nicole Moreham was named a [Ngā Ahurei a Te Apārangi Fellow](#), recognising distinction in research, scholarship, or the advancement of knowledge at the highest international standards. [Watch her New Fellows Seminar here.](#)

Professor Nicole Moreham was awarded a Ki te Pae Excellence Award in Research Excellence. This is part of the University's Staff Excellence Awards, which recognise staff who have made a meaningful impact across teaching and research.

Professor Joanna Mossop was awarded a Ki te Pae Excellence Award in Research Mobilisation Excellence. This is part of the University's Staff Excellence Awards, which recognise staff who have made a meaningful impact across teaching and research.

Matt Smith (former Faculty member) was appointed to the rank of King's Counsel.

Professor Yvette Tinsley was named a [Ngā Ahurei a Te Apārangi Fellow](#), recognising distinction in research, scholarship, or the advancement of knowledge at the highest international standards. [Watch her New Fellows Seminar here.](#)

Students (2025)

Nathaniel Cashell was awarded the [Whakaeke Pōneke Award from MinterEllisonRuddWatts](#), as part of its Ngā Karahipi Whakaeke – Awards Programme. Nathaniel will receive financial support, mentorship, and CV development from the firm to support his study.

Isla Clarkson and **Jimmy Fiso** placed second equal at the [2025 Brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition in Glasgow](#).

Annabel MacKay was featured on the [YWCA25 list, celebrating 25 young wāhine and gender-diverse changemakers in Aotearoa](#). Annabel is the youngest person to present to a Parliamentary Select Committee, and in 2021 she was the New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) Youth Champion for her work raising awareness of NZSL.

Aria Ngarimu (Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairoa, Rongomaiwahine, Te Whānau-ā-Apanui) was featured on the [YWCA25 list, celebrating 25 young wāhine and gender-diverse changemakers in Aotearoa](#). Aria is an emerging researcher committed to empowering Indigenous perspectives. Her mahi spans Indigenous food sovereignty, climate change, and mental health.

Maria Rabino-Neira was awarded a [Fulbright Award](#) to conduct research into humanitarian legal protection at Harvard University.

Prize winners for 2024

A.H. Johnstone Scholarships in Law—**Jack Fogarty** and **Kezra Gonzalez**

A.L. Hollings Trust Award—**Olivia Lockwood**

Archibald Frances McCallum Scholarship in Law—**Claire Graham**

Bernard Randall Prize in Family Law—**Angelica Araboglos**

Chapman Tripp Prize—**Jack Apperly**

Chris Highfield Memorial Prize in Judicial Review—**Florence Oakley**

Chris Highfield Prize in Public Law—**Jack Gormley**

Collin Patterson Memorial Prize—**Sameer Mandhan**

Dan Winfield Memorial Intellectual Property Prize—**Sameer Mandhan**

Flacks & Wong Prize in Company Law—**Florence Oakley**

Gordon Orr Prize—**Sophie Yeoman** and **Lulu Shepherd**

Harmos Horton Lusk Mergers and Acquisitions Prize—**Zack Limbrick-Jones** and **Sam Baker**

I.L.M. Richardson Prize in Private Law—**Claire Graham** and **Courtney Thomas**

Jacob Joseph Award (Law)—**Antonia Smith**

John Miller Awards in Social Justice and Community Development—**Kaea Tibble** and **Ria Holmes**

Kāhui Legal Kaupapa Māori Moot Best Individual Mooter—**Christie Wallace**

Kāhui Legal Kaupapa Māori Moot Best Individual Negotiator—**Aria Ngarimu**

Kāhui Legal Kaupapa Māori Moot Winning Team—**Sarah Cathcart, Aria Ngarimu, Lauren Tidswell**

Kāhui Legal Kaupapa Māori Negotiation Winning Team—**Aria Ngarimu, Patricia Waugh, Katie Wells**

Lord Cooke of Thorndon Prize—**Jack Fogarty**

Mayne Wetherell Prizes—**Xandi Cooke** and **Jimmy Mack**

New Zealand Council for Civil Liberties Essay Prize—**Emily McKechnie** and **India Bulman**

Prebble Prize (sponsored by Deloitte)—**Paulina (Flo) Pascual**

Quentin Baxter Prize in International Law—**Isla McDonald**

Quentin Baxter Prize in Public and International Law—**William Ferris**

Robert Orr McGechan Memorial Prize—**Helena Palmer**

Simpson Grierson Prize in Laws 297—**Catherine Sole**

Simpson Grierson Prize in Laws 352—**Emerald Bendall**

Sir John McGrath Prize in Public Law—**Anna Dombroski**

Thomas Prize in Mooting—**Zara Blum** and runner up **Jamie Yee**

Dean's List 2024

Congratulations go to the following students, who are included on the Dean's List for academic excellence in 2024:

Lucy Aitken	Emma Cunningham	Kezra Gonzalez	Morgyn Jakob
Phoebe Allan	George Curzon-Hobson	Jack Gormley	Aria Jamieson
Luke Andrews	Finn Davenport	Claire Graham	Lucy Jessep
Sofia Angelova-Bray	Theo Dawson	Claudia Green	Ella Johnsen
Caitlin Ashby	Anna Dombroski	Cameron Grigg	Chloe Kim
Saskia Barker	Aston Dow	Guy De Groot	Jess Knight
Hannah Bautista	Sarah Downs	Joy Guo	Ruby Lange
Emerald Bendall	Kate Dryden	Lilli Guy	Darcy Lawrey
Rose Bennett	Cooper Dunkerley	Grace Hancox	James Macey
William Berry	Kaitlin Dunn	Emma Hardy	Jimmy Mack
India Bulman	Bianca Enright	Amelia Harland	Ngarita MacKenzie
Grace Cartman	William Ferris	Maja Hassell	Ana Marshall
Leon Caslavsky	Jack Fogarty	Evie Henderson	Emily McKechnie
William Collins	Hannah Giles	Tilly Hlavac	Finn Meredith
Hattie Compton-Moen	Sophie Gill	Lara Hopkinson	Aranga Molijn
Leon Cooke	Xandi Gobbi	Imogen Hosford	Hannah Nathan
Xandi Cooke	Zinzan Goertzen	Emma Jackson	Patrick O'Rourke

Florence Oakley	Lulu Shepherd	Evelynn Turin
Eva Oldham	Anishka Sherlock	Freya Turnbull-Kelly
Anneke van Oorsouw	Ella Shirtcliffe	Connie Waine
Sinead Pacey	Eleesha Silva	Max Wallace
Helena Palmer	Anna Smart	Katie Wells
George Patrick	Holly Smith	Jess Wenham
Thomas Pope-Kerr	Suyeon Son	Olivia Whineray-Kelly
Margot Ramsay	Sophie Southgate	Elizabeth Whitaker
Megan Ritchie	Jack Spencer	Alex White
Ethan Rogacion	Sasha De Spong	Ben White
Samantha Romijn	Jacob Stokes	Lydia White
Fletcher Rowley	Pippa Sussex	Isla Willacy
Zak Rudin	Shajan Thomas	Hannah Winchester
Crista Saunders	Vincent Thomas	Fergus Wood
Nadia Scott	Annika Thornton	Holly Woolston
Rylee Scott	Amiria Tikao	Jess Ye
Hannah Sema	Georgia Tottenham	Lucia Young