

Ross and Valerie Penlington Prize in Public Law

Waeture | Regulations

The prize recognises academic excellence in LAWS 206 *Public Law* in Te Kaupeka Ture Faculty of Law at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

1. The prize is a monetary award at a value of \$200.
2. One prize is available annually to students who, in the year of the award, completed the course LAWS 206 *Public Law* and were enrolled in a programme for an LLB degree at the University.
3. The prize is awarded by Te Kaunihera | University Council on the recommendation of the Amo Ture | Dean of Law (or nominee).
4. In making the recommendation, the Amo Ture | Dean of Law (or nominee) considers academic achievement in LAWS 206 *Public Law* in the year of the award.
5. If, in any year, there is more than one candidate deemed worthy of the award, the prize is offered to each, with the value to be divided equally among them.
6. If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no prize is offered.
7. The prize is paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account.
8. A condition of acceptance is that a recipient permits announcement and publication of acceptance of the award.

Whakamahuki | Background information: Valerie Penlington established this prize in 2006 in memory of her husband, the late Justice Ross Penlington, who was a graduate of Te Kaupeka Ture | Faculty of Law from Canterbury College, the forerunner of the Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury. The Judge had a distinguished legal career, which included appointments as Acting Attorney-General in Western Samoa at the time of its independence and Director of Public Prosecution in Hong Kong. His judicial career commenced as Magistrate in Western Samoa and culminated in his membership of the Court of Appeal in Hong Kong. He also sat from time to time in the Supreme Court of Brunei.

Valerie Penlington also studied Law at the Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury and was awarded her LLB in 1964. She was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Aotearoa New Zealand in 1968. In 1979 she gained her PCLL from Hong Kong University and was called to the Hong Kong bar in 1981. She is the author of the text-book *An Introduction to Hong Kong Law*.

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