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Notice of Completion of Dissertation Proposal Defense

Upon matriculation into the SJD program, students are required to complete a dissertation proposal defense by the end of their first semester. The student and his or her dissertation director are responsible for making the arrangements for the proposal defense, and only the student, dissertation director, and members of the dissertation committee attend the proposal defense. While not as formal as the oral defense of the dissertation, the proposal defense is a serious degree requirement that allows the student and his or her dissertation director to meet with the full dissertation committee to discuss and comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the student's dissertation proposal. The goal of the proposal defense is to allow the committee the opportunity to provide feedback to the student to help guide him or her in the research phase of the project.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Date and Location of Proposal Defense: _____

Committee comments, if any:

Dissertation Committee

Chair (dissertation director): _____ Signature: _____

Member: _____ Signature: _____

Member: _____ Signature: _____

(If there are more than three members of your dissertation committee, include their names and signatures on the back of this page.)

Student Signature: _____

Please complete this form with your committee at the close of your proposal defense and submit it to the Graduate Legal Studies Office within five days after your proposal defense.