The University of Western Australia
Faculty of Law
INFORMATION FOR THE GUIDANCE OF EXAMINERS
Degree of Doctor of Juridical Science

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Extracts from the Regulations Governing Research Higher Degrees -

In the case of the Doctor of Juridical Science, references to ‘the Board’ shall mean the Governing Board of the Doctor of Juridical Science.

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1.3.1.31 A thesis must be in English unless the Board has approved otherwise.

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1.3.1.51(1) The names of examiners will not be withheld from candidates.

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1.3.1.52(1) Except as set out in (2) and in the rules for specific master's degrees, examiners must not, before submitting their independent reports, consult or otherwise communicate with each other or anyone connected with the preparation of the thesis.

(2) The Board may ask examiners to consult or otherwise communicate with each other before, or after, receipt of their individual reports.

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