USMBA Research Competition

“Enhancing North American Trade”

“The United States-Mexico Bar Association extends an invitation to university students and professionals residing in Mexico or in the United States to write an original article, not previously published. It may be in Spanish or in English, using font size 12 and 1.5-line spacing, between 4,000 - 6,000 words (about 10-15 pages, inclusive of any footnotes and legal authority), on topic of “Enhancing North American Trade” to include one or more specific proposals to revise NAFTA generally or any particular parts or regulations, for the purpose of improving the framework for cross-border trade, and explaining how such proposal(s) would be beneficial to the U.S. and/or Mexico, concerning any particular matter of choice for the author (such as tariffs, dispute resolution, target industries, or other).” It must include a title, an index, all facts properly referenced and detailed bibliography.

Submissions may cover the following examples:
- How do you believe trade in North America can be improved?
- What topics should be included in the North American trade agreement?
- What new industry sectors should be included in North American trade agreement?
- How can North American trade produce more wealth?
- How can North American trade benefit more people?
- How can North American trade be fair?

Research papers should be sent to the following email USMBAresearchcompetition@outlook.com. The deadline for submissions is Monday August 7th at 23:59 hours.

The jury will be composed of 3 Board Members of the USMBA, who will grade the quality of the research, the specific proposals drafted by the author and the quality of the writing. The jury reserves the right to declare the call dismissal they consider that no article meets the specifications. The decision of the jury is final, without an appeal. The members of the jury will be announced on the USMBA website. The winners will be announced on September 9th at the latest also through the USMBA website. www.usmba.org

The best 3 articles will be awarded:
1) **First place $2,500 dollars**, plus automatic registration and annual membership fee at the USMBA and 2 entries for the 2017 Annual Conference in San Diego.
2) **Second place $1,500 dollars**, plus automatic registration and annual membership fee at the USMBA and 2 entries for the 2017 Annual Conference in San Diego.
3) **Third place $1,000 dollars**, plus automatic registration and annual membership fee at the USMBA and 2 entries for the 2017 Annual Conference in San Diego.

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