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Writing Competition

“Enhancing North American Trade”

– Official Rules –

This writing Competition is sponsored by the United States-Mexico Bar Association (the “USMBA”). By submitting an article (an “Article”) to this competition (the “Competition”), each author agrees to and accepts each of the following rules (the “Rules”):

1. The Competition, “**Enhancing North American Trade**”, is open to university students, professors, lawyers and other professionals who are citizens or permanent legal residents of Mexico or the United States; however, this Competition is void where prohibited or restricted, and authors must be at least 21 years of age as of August 7, 2017 to participate and be eligible to win.

Submissions may address one or more of the following topic examples:

- ✓ How can trade in North America 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”?
2. Articles may be in Spanish or English of between 4,000 - 6,000 words in length (about 10-15 pages, inclusive of any footnotes and legal authority, which limit does not apply to any bibliography), in Word format for 8-1/2” x 11” paper, double spaced typed in 12-point font, with a title, index, and all factual and legal authority properly cited.
 3. **DEADLINES:**
 - A. Articles must be submitted to the Competition by email to the following address: USMBAresearchcompetition@outlook.com, and actually received by **Monday August 7, 2017, at 11:59 p.m.** (23:59 hours) (Mexico City time).
 - B. *Winners* will be announced and contacted no later than September 9, 2017, and will be posted on the USMBA website. www.usmexicobar.org
 4. Each author represents and affirms that: (a) the Article is the author’s original work and does not contain anyone else’s work without attribution; (b) the Article has not been previously published; and (c) he or she has read, understands, and agrees to these Rules and to be bound by them.

5. Authors may work together; however, authors working together will be eligible for one award. Multiple submissions are acceptable; however, each author will be eligible for one award.
6. Articles must provide the following information on the title page: title; author's name; email address; mailing address; telephone number; and brief description of the author(s), to include, as applicable, educational status, years in practice, area(s) of expertise, relevant experience, and other information the author deems relevant.
7. A 3-person jury (the "Jury") will decide the awards based on the overall quality of the Article, including clarity of the ideas or thesis presented, the specific proposals drafted by the author, quality of analysis, research and writing, and the extent and quality of citations to factual and legal authorities.
8. The 3-person Jury shall be appointed by the USMBA's Board of Directors (the "Board") and may include one or more of its directors. In the event of a tie, the Jury may combine awards to be shared by the winners. The Jury reserves the right to reduce the number or existence of one or more awards if the Jury determines submissions are not of notable quality in the Jury's sole and absolute discretion. All decisions of the jury are final, without any appeal. The members of the Jury will be announced on the USMBA website (www.usmexicobar.org) and are subject to change without notice.
9. **AWARDS:**
 - A. **First place: US\$3,000 dollars**, *plus* automatic registration and 1-year membership in the USMBA, *plus* 2 tickets for all-access entry to the USMBA's 2017 Annual Conference in San Diego, California, from September 27th to 29th, 2017.
 - B. **Second place: US\$2,000 dollars**, *plus* automatic registration and 1-year membership in the USMBA, *plus* 2 tickets for all-access entry to the USMBA's 2017 Annual Conference in San Diego, California, from September 27th to 29th, 2017.
 - C. **Third place: US\$1,000 dollars**, *plus* automatic registration and 1-year membership in the USMBA, *plus* 2 tickets for all-access entry to the USMBA's 2017 Annual Conference in San Diego, California, from September 27th to 29th, 2017.
10. By submitting an Article to the Competition, each Author:
 - A. grants the USMBA a nonexclusive perpetual and royalty-free license and right to use the Article in whole or in part, with attribution to the author and publication of the author's likeness (if author submits photo upon request) for any proper purpose, including, without limitation, publication, publicity and marketing;

- B. agrees the USMBA shall have no obligation to publish, acknowledge receipt of, or to return or destroy any submitted Article; and
- C. agrees to indemnify and protect the USMBA against any and all claims, losses, and damages arising from or relating to the Author's unauthorized use in an Article of anyone else's work or likeness, or claims of unauthorized disclosure of confidential information or invasion of privacy of any third parties arising from or relating to the publication or other reasonable use of all or any portion of any submitted Article.
11. The competition and these Rules shall be governed by the internal laws of Harris County, Texas (USA), without reference to any conflicts of laws or similar rules that may make invoke the law of any other jurisdiction.
 12. The Board reserves the right to modify the Rules at any time to improve the competition in its sole and absolute discretion upon posting notice of the change(s) on the USMBA website (www.usmexicobar.org).
 13. Membership in the USMBA is not a requirement to participate in the Competition.
 14. Questions may be directed to "Executive Director" by email to: mary@amchouston.com.

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