



US-Mexico Bar Association

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Writing Competition

## **“Enhancing North American Trade”**

The USMBA extends an invitation to university students, professors, lawyers and other professionals who are citizens or permanent legal residents residing in Mexico or in the U.S. to write an original article on “**Enhancing North American Trade**”, and include one or more specific proposals to revise NAFTA generally or any particular parts or regulations thereof for the purpose of improving the framework for cross-border trade, explaining how such proposal(s) would be beneficial to the U.S. and/or Mexico. The article must have a title, index, and all factual and legal authority properly cited, not previously published, 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). For complete rules visit [www.usmexicobar.org](http://www.usmexicobar.org)

Submissions may cover the following topic examples:

- ✓ How can trade in North America be improved?
- ✓ What topics should be included in a 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 more “fair”?

Articles must be submitted to the USMBA by email to the following address: [USMBAresearchcompetition@outlook.com](mailto:USMBAresearchcompetition@outlook.com), and actually received by **Monday October 23, 2017, at 23:59 hours** (Mexico City time). *Winners* will be announced and contacted no later than November 24, 2017, and will be posted on the USMBA website.

A 3-person jury (“Jury”) will decide the awards based on the overall quality of analysis, research and writing, specific proposals and clarity of the ideas of the Article (for complete list of rules visit [www.usmexicobar.org](http://www.usmexicobar.org)). The Jury shall be appointed by the USMBA’s Board of Directors and are subject to change without notice. All decisions of the Jury are final, without any appeal.

The best 3 Articles will be awarded:

**1<sup>st</sup> place \$3,000 USD**, plus automatic registration and 1-year membership in the USMBA, plus 2 tickets for all-access entry to the USMBA’s 2018 Annual Conference.

**2<sup>nd</sup> place \$2,000 USD**, plus automatic registration and 1-year membership in the USMBA, plus 2 tickets for all-access entry to the USMBA’s 2018 Annual Conference.

**3<sup>rd</sup> place \$1,000 USD**, plus automatic registration and 1-year membership in the USMBA, plus 2 tickets for all-access entry to the USMBA’s 2018 Annual Conference.

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