Essay Contest: Nappert Prize in International Arbitration 2024

"Thanks to the generosity of Sophie Nappert (BCL'86, LLB'86), the Nappert Prize in International Arbitration is celebrating 10 years since its inauguration in 2014. The prize will be awarded by McGill University for the sixth time in 2024.

Eligibility Requirements:
The competition is open to law students, junior scholars and junior practitioners from around the world. To be eligible for the prize, the authors must:

- be either currently enrolled in a B.C.L, LL.B., J.D., LL.M., D.C.L., or Ph.D. program (or their local equivalents), or
- have taken their most recent law degree within the last three years; or
- have been admitted to the practice of law for no more than three years.

Co-authored submissions are permissible, but each author must meet the eligibility criteria. (Kindly note that only one author will be flown to Montreal for the symposium.)

Previous winners of the Nappert Prize (2020 and 2022) are not eligible to submit their essays for this edition.

Prizes:
- First place: CAN $4,000
- Second place: CAN $2,000
- Third place: CAN $1,000

Winners of all three awards will be required to present their essays at a symposium to be held at McGill University's Faculty of Law in Autumn 2024 (the expenses of the winners for attending the symposium will be covered).

The best oralist will receive an award of CAN $1,000.

The precise date of the symposium will be announced in the coming months.

Deadline and Submission Mode:
All essays must be submitted by 30th April 2024 11:59PM Eastern Time. Essays can be submitted using this form.

Submission Requirements:
Essays for the prize can be submitted in English, French or Spanish.

Please make sure that your essay:

- must relate to commercial or investment arbitration;
- must be unpublished (not yet submitted for publication) as of April 30th;
- must be a maximum of 15,000 words (including footnotes);
- must be formatted to Times New Roman Size 12 with 1.5 line spacing.

- should use OSCOLA or any other well-established legal citation guide (e.g. McGill Red Book; Bluebook);
- should be in MS Word format;
- should not contain your name or other information about your identity.

Submitted essays should not contain any text generated through advanced automated tools (artificial intelligence or machine learning tools such as ChatGPT), unless specifically required because of the subject matter of the essay and cited as mentioned below. Use of AI-generated text will be considered plagiarism, and any essay containing such text will be disqualified.

If the subject matter of the essay necessitates it, any AI-generated text in the submission should be properly cited. For example, text generated using ChatGPT-3 should include a citation such as:

> Chat-GPT-3. (YYYY, Month DD of query). "Text of your query." Generated using OpenAI. https://chat.openai.com/

Material generated using other tools should follow a similar citation format.

Jurors:
Jurors for the 2024 will be announced in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

For more information, kindly email Ms. Tanya Oberoi at nappertprize.law@mcgill.ca.

With all best wishes,
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