BAR EXAM SUMMER 2020 UPDATE

April 3, 2020

University at Buffalo
School of Law

Current Status

- NY Court of Appeals announced July 2020 NY Bar Examination postponed
- National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) announced
  - Will announce by May 5 whether any July 2020 bar exam will happen
  - Will make materials available for “fall” 2020 bar exam in addition to July 2020 exam, if necessary
- NY Court of Appeals currently in discussion about:
  - Rescheduling July 2020 exam for early September
  - Permitting use of “practice orders” to permit law school graduates awaiting bar exam/results to work under supervision
  - Announcement expected soon

MPRE and NYLE

Test	Registration Deadline	Accommodations Request Deadline
MPRE		
August 11/12	June 25	May 14
October 23/28	September 14	July 30
NYLE		
June 11	May 12	
September 24	August 25	
December 17	November 17	

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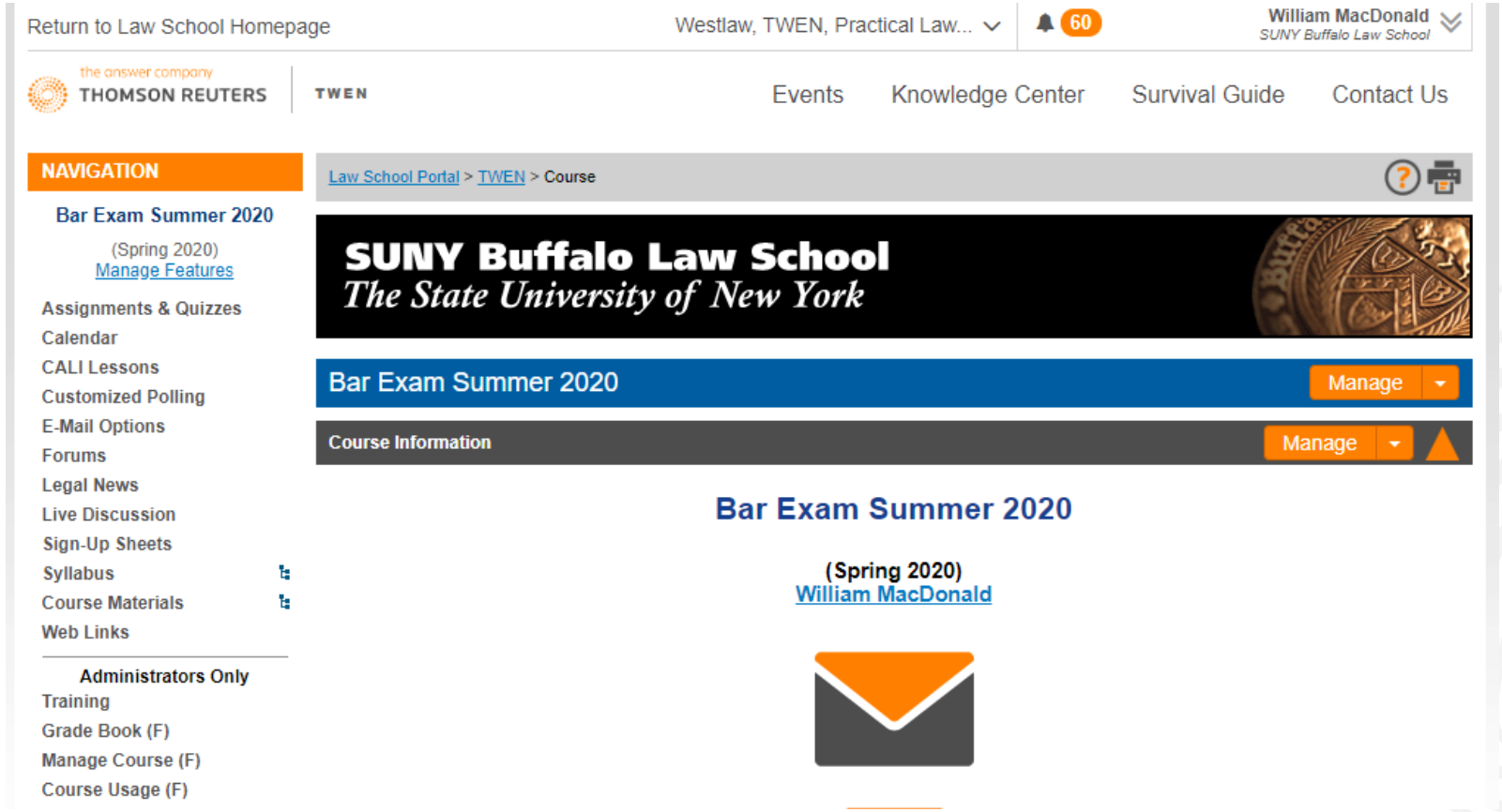

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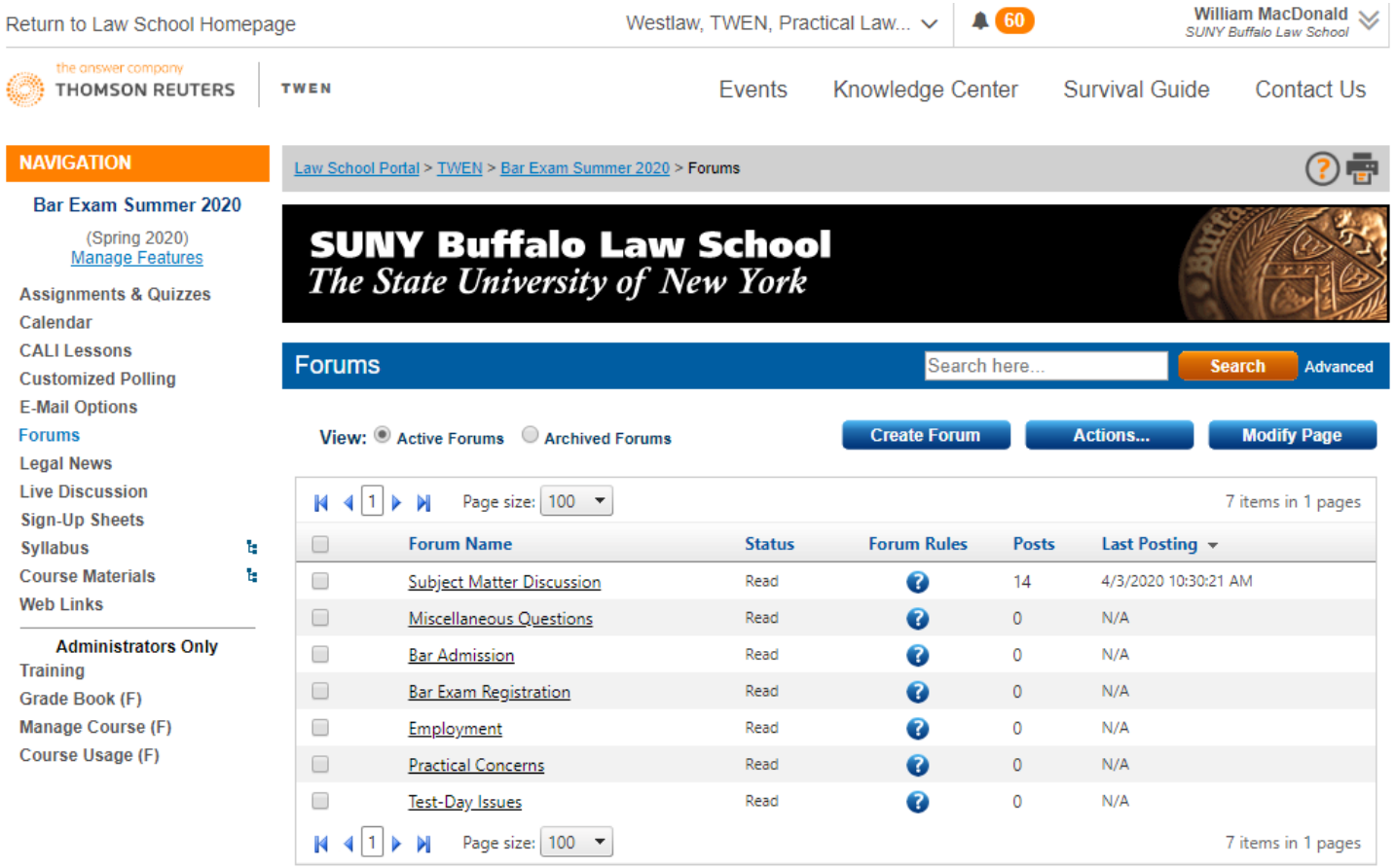

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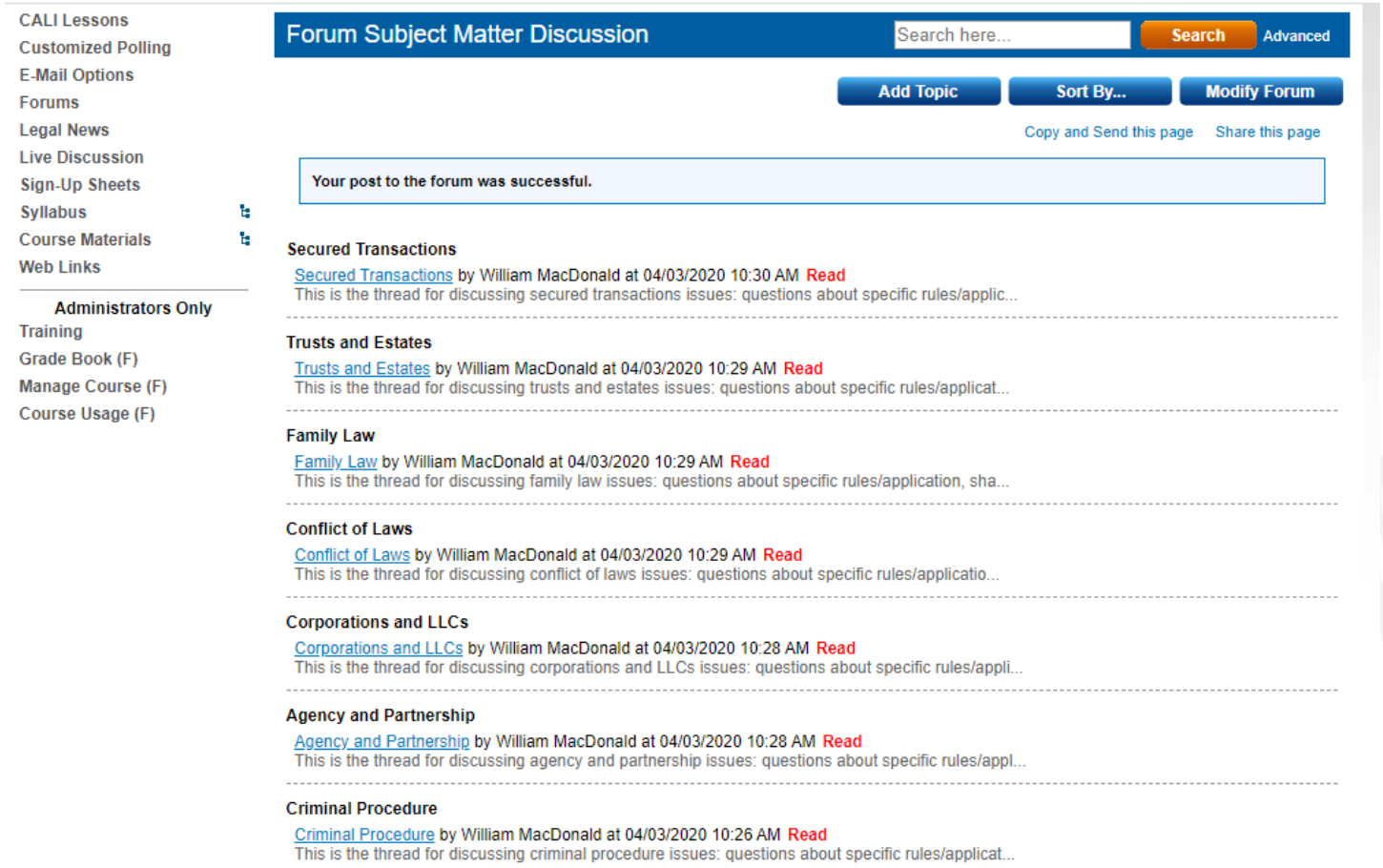

Assistance in Planning

- Mentoring programs
  - In place or being created
  - Taking social distancing requirements into account
- Erie County Bar Association
  - Students should join if not already members
  - Creating seminars on practical issues (e.g., financial assistance)
- UB School of Law
  - Commencement
  - Student awards