

Blackwell Thomas A
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Blackwell Thomas A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 National Western Life Group, Inc.
 [NWLI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 10801 N. MOPAC EXPY BLDG 3
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/12/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

AUSTIN, TX 78759

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock	12/13/2018		M	A (1)	\$ 0	163	D
Class A Common Stock	12/13/2018		M	D (1)	\$ 299.11	0	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/12/2018		A	198	12/12/2019 12/12/2019	Class A Common Stock	198
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	12/13/2018		M	163	12/13/2018 12/13/2018	Class A Common Stock	163

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Blackwell Thomas A 10801 N. MOPAC EXPY BLDG 3 AUSTIN, TX 78759			X	

Signatures

Thomas A. Blackwell 12/14/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The Restricted Stock Units vested in full on December 13, 2018, and without any action or discretion by the Reporting Person he received a cash payment equal to the value of the shares on the vesting date.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive the cash value of one share of NWLI Class A common stock on the Date Exercisable.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive, with no additional consideration payable, the cash value of one share of NWLI Class A common stock on the Date Exercisable.

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