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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Moody Ross R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			National Western Life Group, Inc. [NWLI]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify		
10801 N. MOPAC EXPY BLDG 3			12/12/2018	below) below) President & CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
AUSTIN, TX	X 78759		Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than One Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

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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. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Class A Common Stock	n 12/13/2018		M	163	A (1)	\$ 0	4,163	D	
Class A Common Stock	n 12/13/2018		M	163	D (1)	\$ 299.11	4,000	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 proof 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 Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title 1
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	12/12/2018		A	198	12/12/2019	12/12/2019	Class A Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	12/12/2018		A	1,700	12/13/2021(3)	12/13/2021(2)	Class A Common Stock
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 303.77	12/12/2018		A	6,798	12/12/2019(4)	12/12/2028	Class A Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	12/13/2018		M	163	12/13/2018	12/13/2018	Class A Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Moody Ross R 10801 N. MOPAC EXPY BLDG 3 AUSTIN, TX 78759	X		President & CEO			

Signatures

Ross R. Moody 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.

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- (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) The restricted stock units have a three year cliff vesting schedule that begins on the grant date. The restricted stock units will vest 100% on the third anniversary from the grant date.
- (4) The SARs are exercisable as they vest. The SARs vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.
- (5) 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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