

Smith Shannon Lee
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Smith Shannon Lee

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE MOODY PLAZA

(Street)

GALVESTON, TX 77550

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 07/21/2009

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE CO /TX/
 [ANAT]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title Amount or Number of Shares

(Instr. 5)

Stock Appreciation Right	08/01/2009 ⁽¹⁾	08/01/2018 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	2,750	\$ 96.75	D	Â
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith Shannon Lee ONE MOODY PLAZA GALVESTON, TX 77550	Â	Â	Â See Remarks	Â

Signatures

Shannon L. Smith	07/20/2009
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**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) SARs become exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the date shown.
- (2) SARs expire five years from the date they become exercisable. The date shown represents the expiration date of the final installment of SARs to become exercisable.

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Remarks:

Sr. VP, Chief Multiple Line Marketing Officer

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