

NEWS RELEASE

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Michael P. Hydanus
Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer

The Board of Directors of National Western Life Insurance Company Corporation ("NWLIC") has elected Michael P. Hydanus, 56, as Senior Vice President – Chief Information Officer as of September 2, 2008. "We are pleased to have Mike join our team," said company president Ross Moody. "He brings a wealth of experience and talent to National Western Life."

"National Western Life is an innovative, successful company with a wonderful reputation" said Hydanus. "I look forward to being a part of such success and the exciting future that is right at our doorstep."

Mr. Hydanus has over 25 years of management experience in the life insurance and consulting industries.

Prior to joining National Western, Mr. Hydanus was Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer with Financial Industries Corporation ("FIC"), having originally joined FIC in May, 2005 as Senior Vice President - Operations. He assumed the responsibilities as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer from November, 2005 to January, 2007. Most recently, Mr. Hydanus played a pivotal transition role in the merger and acquisition of FIC by Kansas City based Americo Life, Inc.

Prior to FIC, Mr. Hydanus was President of Sage Consulting Group, LLC, and served as an executive consultant in the areas of corporate operations and information technology. His consulting company provided services to many clients, including a worldwide pension and insurance management organization, an industry-leading insurance policy administration outsourcing organization and a regional technology service organization.

He was Chief Operations Officer and Chief Information Officer of Security First Group in Los Angeles (a MetLife company) where he led an enterprise integration project that ultimately consolidated all operations into other corporate sites. Before that, Mr. Hydanus worked as the Chief Information Officer for the Baltimore Life Companies in Owings Mills, MD, and the Senior Vice President, COO/CIO for Delta Life & Annuity in Memphis, TN.

Mr. Hydanus held several corporate operation leadership positions with National Guardian Life in Madison, WI. In his early career, he served in several management capacities within the electric utility, property & casualty insurance and savings and loan industries.

Mr. Hydanus received a B.A. in Business Administration from Lakeland College. He also holds the following industry certifications: Fellow, Life Office Management Institute (FLMI) from the Life Office Management Association (LOMA); Associate, Customer Service (ACS) from LOMA; and is completing Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant (CLU/ChFC) insurance industry certifications from the American College.