

BEST ROBERT O  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 \*  
**BEST ROBERT O**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Unum Group [UNM]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**1 FONTAIN SQUARE**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/14/2009**

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

**EVP, COO, Unum US**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402**

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/14/2009		M	23,590 A \$ 13.719	222,205 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	08/14/2009		S	18,335 D \$ 21.331	203,870 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2009		S	5,000 D \$ 20.9917	198,870 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					3,902	I	401(k)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.719	08/14/2009		M	7,784	02/24/2001 02/25/2010	Common Stock	7,784
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.719	08/14/2009		M	7,785	02/25/2002 02/25/2010	Common Stock	7,785
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.719	08/14/2009		M	8,021	02/25/2003 02/25/2010	Common Stock	8,021

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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## Signatures

Parrott, Christopher, A., Attorney  
in fact

08/18/2009

\_\_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) 73,245 restricted stock units (including dividend equivalent rights), 9,103 shares of restricted stock, 4,678 shares in the company ESPP, and 135,179 shares held outside any plan.  
Reflects weighted average price for multiple sale transactions ranging in price from \$21.32 per share to \$21.34 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Unum Group, any security holder of Unum Group, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (2) and (4) to this Form 4.
  - (2) Includes 73,245 restricted stock units (including dividend equivalent rights), 9,103 shares of restricted stock, 4,678 shares in the company ESPP, and 116,844 shares held outside any plan.
  - (3) Reflects weighted average price for multiple sale transactions ranging in price from \$20.9901 per share to \$20.992 per share, inclusive.
  - (4) Includes 73,245 restricted stock units (including dividend equivalent rights), 9,103 shares of restricted stock, 4,678 shares in the company ESPP, and 111,844 shares held outside any plan.

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