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REGISTRATION NO. 33-

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

POE & BROWN, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

FLORIDA
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

59-0864469
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered
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If any of the securities on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or
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than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

TITLE OF EACH CLASS OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED	AMOUNT TO BE REGISTERED	PROPOSED MAXIMUM OFFERING PRICE PER SHARE(1)	PROPOSED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE OFFERING PRICE(1)	AMOUNT OF REGISTRATION FEE
Common stock, \$.10 par value per share.....	1,638,750 shares	\$24.00	\$39,330,000	\$13,562

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee based upon the average between the high and low price of the Common Stock on The Nasdaq Stock Market on August 2, 1995, pursuant to Rule 457(c).

THE COMPANY HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE COMPANY SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(a) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR UNTIL THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(a), MAY DETERMINE.

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INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OR AMENDMENT. A REGISTRATION STATEMENT RELATING TO THESE SECURITIES HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. THESE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE SOLD NOR MAY OFFERS TO BUY BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO THE TIME THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT BECOMES EFFECTIVE. THIS PROSPECTUS SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO SELL OR THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY NOR SHALL THERE BE ANY SALE OF THESE SECURITIES IN ANY STATE IN WHICH SUCH OFFER, SOLICITATION OR SALE WOULD BE UNLAWFUL PRIOR TO REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION UNDER THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY SUCH STATE.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED AUGUST 4, 1995

PROSPECTUS

1,425,000 SHARES

[LOGO]

POE & BROWN, INC.

COMMON STOCK

All of the 1,425,000 shares offered hereby are being sold by certain shareholders of Poe & Brown, Inc. (the "Company"). See "Principal and Selling Shareholders." The Company will not receive any proceeds from the offering.

The Company's Common Stock is traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol "POBR." The last reported sale price of the Common Stock on The Nasdaq Stock Market on August 2, 1995 was \$23.75 per share. See "Price Range of Common Stock."

PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE MATTERS SET FORTH UNDER THE CAPTION "RISK FACTORS," BEGINNING ON PAGE 6.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

	PRICE TO PUBLIC	UNDERWRITING DISCOUNTS AND COMMISSIONS(1)	PROCEEDS TO SELLING SHAREHOLDERS(2)
Per Share	\$	\$	\$
Total(3)	\$	\$	\$

(1) For information regarding indemnification of the Underwriters, see "Underwriting."

(2) Before deducting expenses estimated at \$325,000, of which 50% are payable by the Company and 50% are payable by the Selling Shareholders.

(3) Certain Selling Shareholders have granted the Underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 213,750 additional shares of Common Stock solely to cover over-allotments, if any. See "Underwriting." If such option is exercised in full, the total Price to the Public, Underwriting Discounts and Commissions, and Proceeds to Selling Shareholders will be \$, \$, and \$, respectively.

The shares of Common Stock are being offered by the several Underwriters named herein, subject to prior sale, when, as and if accepted by them and subject to certain conditions. It is expected that certificates for the shares of Common Stock offered hereby will be available for delivery on or about , 1995.

SMITH BARNEY INC.

THE ROBINSON-HUMPHREY COMPANY, INC.

, 1995

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Company is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and in accordance therewith files reports and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). The Registration Statement described below, as well as such reports, proxy statements, and other information filed by the Company, can be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities of the Commission at Room 1024, Judiciary Plaza, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, as well as the following Regional Offices: 7 World Trade Center, Suite 1300, New York, New York 10048; and 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60661. Copies can be obtained by mail at prescribed rates. Requests should be directed to the Commission's Public Reference Section, Judiciary Plaza, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. The Common Stock is listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market.

The Company has filed with the Commission a Registration Statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), with respect to the shares of Common Stock offered by this Prospectus. For the purposes hereof, the term "Registration Statement" means the original Registration Statement and any and all amendments thereto, including the schedules and exhibits to such Registration Statement or any such amendment. This Prospectus, which forms a part of the Registration Statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement, certain portions of which have been omitted pursuant to rules and regulations of the Commission. Reference is hereby made to the Registration Statement for further information with respect to the Company and the Common Stock. Each statement made in this Prospectus concerning a contract, agreement or other document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit for a complete statement of its contents.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITERS MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE COMMON STOCK OF THE COMPANY AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, CERTAIN UNDERWRITERS AND SELLING GROUP MEMBERS (IF ANY) OR THEIR RESPECTIVE AFFILIATES MAY ENGAGE IN PASSIVE MARKET MAKING TRANSACTIONS IN THE COMMON STOCK ON THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 10B-6A UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934. SEE "UNDERWRITING."

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this Prospectus. Unless the context indicates otherwise, all references in this Prospectus to the "Company" include the Company and its wholly owned and majority owned subsidiaries.

THE COMPANY

Poe & Brown, Inc. (the "Company") is the largest insurance agency headquartered in the southeastern United States and the twelfth largest insurance agency in the country, based on total revenues. The Company is a diversified insurance brokerage and agency that markets and sells primarily property and casualty insurance products and services to its clients. Because the Company does not engage in underwriting activities, it does not assume underwriting risks. Instead, it acts in an agency capacity to provide its customers with targeted, customized risk management products and is compensated for its services by commissions paid by insurance companies and fees for administration and benefit consulting services.

The Company's business is divided into four divisions:

- the Retail Division, which provides a wide range of insurance products to commercial, professional, and individual clients;
- the Program Division, which markets proprietary professional liability, property, casualty, and life and health insurance programs to members of various professional and trade groups through non-affiliated independent agents;
- the Service Division, which provides insurance-related services such as third-party administration and consultation for workers' compensation and employee benefit self-insurance markets; and
- the Brokerage Division, which markets and sells excess and surplus commercial insurance primarily through non-affiliated independent agents.

For the year ended December 31, 1994, the Retail Division accounted for approximately 58% of the Company's total commissions and fees, the Program Division accounted for approximately 28%, the Service Division accounted for approximately 11%, and the Brokerage Division accounted for approximately 3%.

The Retail Division targets middle-market companies (annual premiums between \$50,000 and \$500,000), which have historically provided the Company with higher profit margins as compared to large-market companies. The Company believes it derives a competitive advantage from its decentralized management structure. This allows management at the Retail Division's 23 offices to explore new initiatives, respond rapidly to new opportunities and attract and retain high-quality people. The Retail Division's operations are concentrated in Florida; 70.5% of the division's commissions and fees for the year ended December 31, 1994 was attributable to its Florida offices.

The Company believes its Program Division is an industry leader in marketing specially designed proprietary professional liability, property, casualty, and life and health insurance programs to members of various professional and trade groups. The professional groups targeted by the Company's Program Division include dentists, attorneys, physicians, optometrists and opticians. Targeted trade groups include wholesalers, used auto dealers, and towing operators. The Program Division typically tailors an insurance product to the needs of a particular professional or trade group, negotiates policy forms, coverages and premium rates with an insurance company and, in certain instances, secures the formal or informal endorsement of the product by a professional or trade association. Policies are sold primarily through a national network of approximately 270 non-affiliated independent agencies, representing approximately 2,000 independent agents.

The Company's business objective is to achieve consistent annual revenue growth while maintaining profitability. The strategy of the Retail Division is to expand by continuing to capitalize on its strong position in the Florida market and to develop its offices outside of Florida through internal growth and selective acquisitions of insurance agencies to complement the Company's existing base of retail business. The Company's strategy with respect to its Program Division is to expand through increased market penetration of

existing products, as well as the development of new specialty programs. In recent years, traditional risk-bearing insurance companies have sought greater operating efficiencies by reducing their agent sales forces. The Company expects that large underwriters will continue to outsource the production of premium revenue to non-affiliated insurance agents and the Company intends to continue to capitalize on this trend.

The Company was organized in 1959 and since 1971 operated under the name Poe & Associates, Inc. ("P&A"). On April 28, 1993, a subsidiary of P&A merged (the "Merger") with Brown & Brown, Inc. ("B&B"), and the name of the Company was changed to Poe & Brown, Inc. The primary objectives of the Merger were to combine P&A's historically strong program operations with B&B's comparatively high-margin retail operations and to obtain certain synergies as a result of the combination. William F. Poe resigned as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company following the Merger, and J. Hyatt Brown, the President of B&B, became the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and its largest shareholder. In August 1994, William F. Poe resigned as Chairman of the Board of Directors and was succeeded by J. Hyatt Brown. William F. Poe and certain family members and affiliates, all of whom are selling shareholders (the "Selling Shareholders") in this offering, will reduce their aggregate record ownership of the outstanding shares of Common Stock from 19.8% to less than 1% as a result of this offering (assuming exercise of the Underwriters' over-allotment option). See "Principal and Selling Shareholders". William F. Poe and his brother, Charles W. Poe, serve as directors of the Company, but are not involved in management. William F. Poe, Jr. is employed as an insurance agent with the Company and serves as a director, but is not involved in management of the Company.

The Company's activities are conducted in 17 locations throughout Florida, and in 10 additional locations in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas. The Company's principal executive offices are located at 220 South Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114 (telephone number (904) 252-9601) and 401 East Jackson Street, Suite 1700, Tampa, Florida 33602 (telephone number (813) 222-4100).

THE OFFERING

All of the shares being offered hereby (the "Shares") are being offered on behalf of the Selling Shareholders in the manner described under "Underwriting." The following table sets forth certain information concerning this offering (the "Offering") that should be read in conjunction with information appearing elsewhere in this Prospectus or in the documents incorporated herein by reference.

Common Stock being offered by the Selling Shareholders.....	1,425,000 shares
Common Stock outstanding before and after the Offering(1)....	8,662,686 shares
Use of Proceeds.....	The Shares offered hereby are being sold by the Selling Shareholders. The Company will not receive any of the proceeds from the Offering.
The Nasdaq Stock Market Symbol.....	POBR

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(1) Based upon shares outstanding on June 30, 1995. Does not include 33,667 shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of stock options at a weighted average price per share of \$7.60.

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AND OPERATING DATA)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,					SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,	
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1994	1995
						(UNAUDITED)	
INCOME STATEMENT DATA(1):							
Commissions and fees(2).....	\$ 80,202	\$ 81,879	\$ 88,276	\$ 94,420	\$ 95,852	\$ 48,137	\$ 50,803
Total revenues(3).....	82,612	85,252	91,508	97,821	101,580	51,863	52,989
Total expenses(2)(4).....	72,916	74,445	83,190	84,774	80,994	41,088	42,161
Income before income taxes and loss from discontinued operations.....	9,696	10,807	8,318	13,047	20,586	10,775	10,828
Income from continuing operations(3)(4)(5).....	6,029	6,685	4,138	8,118	13,519	6,643	7,111
Net income(3)(4)(5).....	\$ 5,839	\$ 5,880	\$ 2,558	\$ 8,118	\$ 13,519	\$ 6,643	\$ 7,111
Weighted average number of shares outstanding.....	8,431	8,389	8,569	8,571	8,670	8,615	8,696
PER SHARE DATA(1):							
Income per share from continuing operations(3)(4)(5).....	\$.71	\$.80	\$.48	\$.95	\$ 1.56	\$.77	\$.82
Net income per share(3)(4)(5).....	\$.69	\$.70	\$.30	\$.95	\$ 1.56	\$.77	\$.82
Dividends paid per share.....	\$.32	\$.32	\$.40	\$.40	\$.42	\$.20	\$.24
OPERATING DATA(1):							
Ratio of employee compensation and benefits to total revenues(6).....	54.0%	53.8%	56.2%	53.9%	52.9%	53.0%	52.9%
Ratio of other operating expenses to total revenues(6).....	27.0%	25.6%	27.5%	26.5%	23.0%	24.0%	22.1%
Ratio of income before income taxes to total revenues(6).....	11.7%	12.7%	9.1%	13.3%	20.7%	21.7%	20.4%
Revenue per employee(6)(7).....	\$ 75,102	\$ 79,452	\$ 82,365	\$ 97,626	\$ 99,895	\$ 48,372	\$ 53,363
						(UNAUDITED)	
	DECEMBER 31,					JUNE 30,	
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1994	1995
BALANCE SHEET DATA(1):							
Total assets.....	\$122,393	\$117,156	\$129,143	\$134,924	\$140,980	\$135,780	\$141,560
Long-term debt.....	15,276	19,254	18,870	17,637	7,430	12,933	8,199
Shareholders' equity(8).....	17,561	22,039	21,232	27,246	44,106	37,721	49,278

- (1) Effective March 1, 1995, the Company acquired Insurance West, a Phoenix, Arizona general insurance agency, by merger. The merger has been accounted for as a pooling-of-interests and, accordingly, the Company's financial statements have been restated for all periods prior to the merger. See Note 2 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (2) See Note 3 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for information regarding business purchase transactions that affect the comparability of this information.
- (3) During the first quarter of 1994 the Company sold 150,000 shares of its investment in the common stock of Rock-Tenn Company, resulting in a gain of \$2,185,000 and an after-tax gain of \$1,342,000, or \$.16 per share.
- (4) Results of operations for 1992 and 1993 were negatively affected by expenses related to the Merger. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."
- (5) During the third quarter of 1994 the Company reduced its general tax reserves by \$700,000, or \$.08 per share, as a result of a settlement agreement with the Internal Revenue Service on certain outstanding examination issues. During the six months ended June 30, 1995, the Company reduced its general tax reserves by \$450,000, or \$.05 per share, as a result of settling the remaining examination issues. See Note 9 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (6) During 1994, the Company sold 150,000 shares of its investment in the common stock of Rock-Tenn Company for \$2,314,000, resulting in a gain of \$2,185,000. This gain has been excluded from the 1994 computations.
- (7) Revenue per employee is based upon the number of full-time equivalent employees at the end of the period.
- (8) Shareholders' equity as of June 30, 1994, December 31, 1994, and June 30, 1995 increased \$4,910,000, \$5,341,000, and \$5,304,000, respectively, as a result of the Company's adoption of SFAS 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities," effective January 1, 1994. See Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

RISK FACTORS

The following factors, as well as other information in this Prospectus, should be carefully considered by prospective investors.

INDUSTRY RISKS

The Company is primarily engaged in insurance agency and brokerage activities, and derives revenues from commissions paid by insurance companies and fees for administration and benefit consulting services. Insurance premiums are not determined by the Company. Historically, property and casualty premiums have been cyclical in nature and have varied widely based on market conditions. Since the mid-1980s, general premium levels have been depressed as a result of the expanded underwriting capacity of insurance companies and increased competition. In addition, as traditional risk-bearing insurance companies continue to outsource the production of premium revenue to non-affiliated agents such as the Company, such insurance companies may seek to further reduce their expenses by reducing the commission rates payable to such insurance agents. The Company cannot predict the timing or extent of future changes in commission rates or premiums and therefore cannot predict the effect, if any, that such changes would have on its operations. See "Business -- Industry Overview."

RELIANCE ON SIGNIFICANT UNDERWRITER

The programs offered by the Company's Program Division are primarily underwritten by the CNA Insurance Companies ("CNA"). For the year ended December 31, 1994, approximately \$20.9 million, or 78.8%, of the Program Division's commissions and fees were generated from policies underwritten by CNA. During the same period, the Program Division represented 27.7% of the Company's total commission and fee revenues. In addition, for the same period, approximately \$1.5 million, or 2.7%, of the Retail Division's total commissions and fees were generated from policies underwritten by CNA. Accordingly, revenues attributable to CNA represent approximately 23.4% of the Company's total commissions and fees. The Company has an agreement with CNA relating to each program underwritten by CNA and each provides for either six months' or one year's advance notice of termination. In addition, the Company has an existing credit agreement with CNA under which \$6,000,000 is currently outstanding. Upon the occurrence of an event of default by the Company under this credit agreement, including the termination by the Company of any insurance program agreement with CNA, CNA may, at its option, declare any unpaid balance due and payable on demand. For additional information concerning the Company's contractual relationships with CNA, see "Business -- Lines of Business -- Program Division" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations -- Liquidity and Capital Resources."

The Company believes its relationship with CNA is excellent and that CNA is committed to the programs administered by the Company. However, there can be no assurance that future events will not produce changes in the relationship. If the relationship were terminated, the Company believes that other insurance companies would be available to underwrite the business, although some additional expense and loss of market share would at least initially result.

FLORIDA BUSINESS CONCENTRATION

For the year ended December 31, 1994, the Company's Retail Division derived 70.5% of its commissions and fees from its Florida offices, constituting 41.2% of the Company's total commissions and fees. See "Business -- Lines of Business -- Retail Division." The Company believes that these revenues are attributable predominately to customers in Florida. The Company believes the regulatory environment for insurance agencies in Florida is no more restrictive than in other states. The insurance business is a state-regulated industry, however, and there can be no assurance that the current regulatory environment will remain unchanged. In addition, the occurrence of adverse economic conditions, natural disasters, or other circumstances specific to Florida could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business. Although Hurricane Andrew, in 1992, slightly constricted the property insurance business in Florida, the Company does not believe it significantly affected the insurance agency and brokerage business.

RELIANCE ON MANAGEMENT

Although the Company is operated with decentralized management systems, the loss of the services of J. Hyatt Brown, the Company's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, who beneficially owns approximately 23% of the Company's outstanding Common Stock, could materially adversely affect the Company. The Company maintains a \$5 million key man life insurance policy with respect to Mr. Brown. The Company also maintains a \$20 million insurance policy on the lives of Mr. Brown and his wife. Under the terms of an agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Brown, at the request of the Brown estate, the Company will purchase, upon the death of the later to die of Mr. Brown and his wife, up to a maximum number of shares of Common Stock of the Company owned by Mr. and Mrs. Brown that will exhaust the proceeds of the policy. If the estate were to make such an election, none of the proceeds of this \$20 million policy would be available to the Company for use in its ongoing operations.

ACQUISITION RISKS

The Company plans to pursue the acquisition of insurance agencies. See "Business -- Lines of Business -- Retail Division." There can be no assurance that the Company will be able successfully to identify suitable acquisition candidates, complete acquisitions, integrate acquired businesses into its operations, or expand into new markets. Once integrated, acquired entities may not achieve levels of revenue, profitability, or productivity comparable to the Company's existing locations, or otherwise perform as expected. The Company is unable to predict whether or when any prospective acquisition candidates will become available or the likelihood that any acquisition will be completed should any negotiations commence. The Company competes for acquisition and expansion opportunities with entities that have substantially greater resources. In addition, acquisitions involve a number of special risks, such as diversion of management's attention, difficulties in the integration of acquired operations and retention of personnel, entry into unfamiliar markets, unanticipated problems or legal liabilities, and tax and accounting issues, some or all of which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

COMPETITION

The insurance agency business is highly competitive and numerous firms actively compete with the Company for customers and insurance carriers. Although the Company is the largest insurance agency headquartered in Florida, a number of firms with much greater resources and market presence than the Company compete with the Company in Florida and elsewhere. This situation is particularly pronounced outside Florida. Competition in the insurance business is largely based on innovation, quality of service, and price. A number of insurance companies are engaged in the direct sale of insurance, primarily to individuals, and do not pay commissions to agents and brokers. To date, such direct writing has had relatively little effect on the Company's operations, primarily because the Company's Retail Division is commercially oriented.

EFFECT OF POSSIBLE TORT REFORM

Legislation concerning tort reform is currently being considered in the United States Congress and in several states. Among the provisions being considered for inclusion in such legislation are limitations on damage awards, including punitive damages, and various restrictions applicable to class action lawsuits, including lawsuits asserting professional liability of the kind for which insurance is offered under policies sold by the Company's Program Division. Enactment of these or similar provisions by Congress or by states in which the Company sells insurance, could result in a reduction in the demand for liability insurance policies or a decrease in policy limits of such policies sold, thereby reducing the Company's commission revenues. The Company cannot predict whether any such legislation will be enacted or, if enacted, the form such legislation will take, or the effect, if any, such legislation could have on its operations.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The Company will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the Shares.

PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK

The Common Stock is traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol "POBR." The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low last sale price per share for the Common Stock, as reported on The Nasdaq Stock Market.

	HIGH -----	LOW -----
1993		
First Quarter.....	\$19.00	\$16.00
Second Quarter.....	21.25	17.25
Third Quarter.....	20.00	18.25
Fourth Quarter.....	20.25	16.88
1994		
First Quarter.....	\$19.50	\$17.00
Second Quarter.....	20.75	18.00
Third Quarter.....	22.75	19.50
Fourth Quarter.....	21.75	19.50
1995		
First Quarter.....	\$22.50	\$20.25
Second Quarter.....	24.50	21.50
Third Quarter (through August 2, 1995).....	24.25	23.25

On August 2, 1995, the last sale price of the Common Stock as reported on The Nasdaq Stock Market was \$23.75 per share. As of August 2, 1995, there were approximately 923 holders of record of the Common Stock.

DIVIDEND POLICY

Cash dividends of \$.10 per share were paid to shareholders on February 19, 1994, May 20, 1994 and August 19, 1994, and cash dividends of \$.12 per share were paid to shareholders on November 18, 1994, February 17, 1995 and May 19, 1995. The Company intends to continue paying quarterly dividends, subject to declaration by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has declared a dividend of \$.12 per share, payable on August 18, 1995, and has established August 3, 1995 as the record date for determining shareholders of the Company entitled to receive the dividend.

Purchasers of Common Stock in this offering will not receive the quarterly dividend payable on August 18, 1995.

CAPITALIZATION

The table below sets forth the unaudited capitalization of the Company as of June 30, 1995. This table should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes thereto which appear elsewhere in this Prospectus.

	JUNE 30, 1995

	(IN THOUSANDS)
Long-term debt, including current portion of \$1,420,000(1).....	\$ 9,619

Shareholders' equity:	
Common stock.....	867
Additional paid-in capital.....	2,403
Retained earnings.....	40,704
Net unrealized appreciation of available for-sale securities.....	5,304

Total shareholders' equity.....	49,278

Total capitalization.....	\$ 58,897
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(1) Of the \$1,420,000 current portion, \$1,000,000 was paid on August 1, 1995.

SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AND OPERATING DATA)

The selected consolidated financial data presented below as of and for the years ended December 31, 1990 through 1994, have been derived from the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company audited by Ernst & Young LLP. The selected consolidated financial data presented below as of and for the six months ended June 30, 1994 and 1995, are derived from the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company. The operating results for the six months ended June 30, 1995 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year. In the opinion of the Company, the unaudited consolidated financial statements include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals and the adjustment described in Note 3 below) necessary for a fair presentation of the information set forth herein. The data set forth below should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this Prospectus and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

Effective March 1, 1995, the Company acquired Insurance West by merger. The merger has been accounted for as a pooling-of-interests and, accordingly, the Company's financial statements have been restated for all periods prior to the merger. See Note 2 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,					SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,	
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1994	1995
						(UNAUDITED)	
INCOME STATEMENT DATA:							
Commissions and fees(1).....	\$ 80,202	\$ 81,879	\$ 88,276	\$ 94,420	\$ 95,852	\$ 48,137	\$ 50,803
Investment income(2).....	2,049	2,954	2,439	2,061	5,126	3,488	1,856
Other income.....	361	419	793	1,340	602	238	330
Total revenues(1)(2).....	82,612	85,252	91,508	97,821	101,580	51,863	52,989
Employee compensation and benefits(1).....	44,633	45,872	51,456	52,699	52,554	26,315	28,051
Other operating expenses(1)(4).....	22,287	21,812	25,159	25,930	22,848	11,919	11,692
Interest and amortization.....	5,996	6,761	6,575	6,145	5,592	2,854	2,418
Total expenses(1)(4).....	72,916	74,445	83,190	84,774	80,994	41,088	42,161
Income before income taxes and loss from discontinued operations.....	9,696	10,807	8,318	13,047	20,586	10,775	10,828
Income taxes(3).....	3,667	4,122	4,180	4,929	7,067	4,132	3,717
Income from continuing operations(2)(3)(4).....	6,029	6,685	4,138	8,118	13,519	6,643	7,111
Loss from discontinued operations(5).....	190	805	1,580	--	--	--	--
Net income(2)(3)(4).....	\$ 5,839	\$ 5,880	\$ 2,558	\$ 8,118	\$ 13,519	\$ 6,643	\$ 7,111
PER SHARE DATA:							
Income per share from continuing operations(2)(3)(4).....	\$.71	\$.80	\$.48	\$.95	\$ 1.56	\$.77	\$.82
Loss per share from discontinued operations(5).....	.02	.10	.18	--	--	--	--
Net income per share(2)(3)(4).....	\$.69	\$.70	\$.30	\$.95	\$ 1.56	\$.77	\$.82
Cash dividends per common share.....	\$.32	\$.32	\$.40	\$.40	\$.42	\$.20	\$.24
Weighted average number of shares outstanding...	8,431	8,389	8,569	8,571	8,670	8,615	8,696
OPERATING DATA:							
Ratio of employee compensation and benefits to total revenues(6).....	54.0%	53.8%	56.2%	53.9%	52.9%	53.0%	52.9%
Ratio of other operating expenses to total revenues(6).....	27.0%	25.6%	27.5%	26.5%	23.0%	24.0%	22.1%
Ratio of income before income taxes to total revenues(6).....	11.7%	12.7%	9.1%	13.3%	20.7%	21.7%	20.4%
Revenue per employee(6)(7).....	\$ 75,102	\$ 79,452	\$ 82,365	\$ 97,626	\$ 99,895	\$ 48,372	\$ 53,363

	DECEMBER 31,					JUNE 30,	
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1994	1995
						(UNAUDITED)	
BALANCE SHEET DATA:							
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 20,485	\$ 18,740	\$ 18,806	\$ 27,132	\$ 23,185	\$ 29,876	\$ 33,208
Premiums and commissions receivable, net....	50,365	47,686	59,478	54,308	56,784	49,642	46,760
Total assets.....	122,393	117,156	129,143	134,924	140,980	135,780	141,560
Premiums payable to insurance companies.....	64,822	52,030	62,421	67,078	63,195	62,537	59,280
Long-term debt.....	15,276	19,254	18,870	17,637	7,430	12,933	8,199
Shareholders' equity(8).....	17,561	22,039	21,232	27,246	44,106	37,721	49,278

- (1) See Note 3 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for information regarding business purchase transactions that affect the comparability of this information.
- (2) During the first quarter of 1994 the Company sold 150,000 shares of its investment in the common stock of Rock-Tenn Company, resulting in a gain of \$2,185,000 and an after-tax gain of \$1,342,000, or \$.16 per share.
- (3) During the third quarter of 1994 the Company reduced its general tax reserves by \$700,000, or \$.08 per share, as a result of a settlement agreement with the Internal Revenue Service on certain outstanding examination issues. During the six months ended June 30, 1995, the Company reduced its general tax reserves by \$450,000, or \$.05 per share, as a result of settling the remaining Internal Revenue Service examination issues. See Note 9 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (4) Results of operations for 1992 and 1993 were negatively affected by expenses related to the Merger. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."
- (5) Losses from discontinued operations were associated with the Company's risk-bearing operation which was discontinued in 1988. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations".
- (6) During 1994, the Company sold 150,000 shares of its investment in the common stock of Rock-Tenn Company for \$2,314,000, resulting in a gain of \$2,185,000. This gain has been excluded from the 1994 computations.
- (7) Revenue per employee is based upon the number of full-time equivalent employees at the end of the period.
- (8) Shareholders' equity as of June 30, 1994, December 31, 1994, and June 30, 1995 increased \$4,910,000, \$5,341,000, and \$5,304,000, respectively, as a result of the Company's adoption of SFAS 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities," effective January 1, 1994. See Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL
CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

GENERAL

The Company's revenues are comprised of commissions paid by insurance companies, fees paid directly by clients, and investment income. Commission revenues generally represent a percentage of the premium paid by the insured and are materially affected by both fluctuations in premium rate levels charged by insurance underwriters and the amount of premiums written by such underwriters. Revenues are also affected by acquisitions, development of new and existing proprietary programs, fluctuations in insured values and in the volume of business from new and existing clients, and general economic and competitive conditions. Contingent commissions may be paid to the Company by insurance carriers based upon the volume and profitability of the business placed with such carriers by the Company, and are generally received in the first quarter of each fiscal year. In each of the last three years, contingent commissions have totalled less than 3.5% of total revenues.

Fee revenues are substantially generated by the Service Division of the Company, which offers administration and benefit consulting services primarily in the workers' compensation and employee benefit self-insurance markets. Florida's legislative reform of workers' compensation insurance, as well as certain market factors, have resulted in increased competition in this service sector. In response to the increased competition, the Company has offered value-added services that enabled it to maintain 1994 fee revenues at a level consistent with that recognized in 1993. For the past several years, service fee revenues have ranged from 10.0% to 11.1% of total commissions and fees.

Investment income consists principally of gains and losses from sales of investments of primarily fixed-income securities (other than the Company's investment in Rock-Tenn Company ["Rock-Tenn"]), as well as interest earnings on premiums and advance premiums collected and not immediately remitted to insurance carriers. The Company's policy is to invest its funds in high-quality, fixed-income investment securities.

Effective January 1, 1994, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities." Under these new rules, debt securities that the Company has both the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity would be classified as "held-to-maturity" securities and would be reported at amortized cost. Marketable equity securities and debt securities not classified as held-to-maturity are classified as "available-for-sale." Available-for-sale securities are reported at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses, net of tax, reported as a separate component of shareholders' equity. Application of these new rules resulted in a net increase of \$5,341,000 and \$5,304,000 in shareholders' equity as of December 31, 1994 and June 30, 1995, respectively, relating principally to the 509,064 shares of Rock-Tenn owned by the Company.

Insurance premiums are established by insurance companies based upon many factors, none of which is controlled by the Company. Beginning in 1986 and continuing into 1995, revenues have been adversely influenced by a consistent decline in premium rates resulting from intense competition among property and casualty insurers for market share.

The Company's revenues have continued to grow through initiatives to generate new business and through development of new products, markets and services. Coupled with this revenue growth, expenses were curtailed in 1994, primarily as a result of operational efficiencies realized from the Merger, as well as significant repayments of debt, which have reduced interest expense.

Effective March 1, 1995, the Company acquired Insurance West by merger. This merger has been accounted for as a pooling-of-interests and, accordingly, the Company's financial statements have been restated for all periods prior to the merger.

The following discussion and analysis regarding results of operations and liquidity and capital resources should be considered in conjunction with the accompanying consolidated financial statements and related notes.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1995 AND 1994

Commissions and Fees. Commissions and fees for the six months ended June 30, 1995 were \$50,803,000 compared to \$48,137,000 for the same period in 1994, a 6% increase. The increase is attributable to an increase in contingent commissions of \$919,000, revenues from acquired agencies of \$914,000, and the remainder primarily to new business production.

Investment Income. Investment income for the six months ended June 30, 1995 declined \$1,632,000 from the same period in 1994. This decline is related primarily to the \$2,185,000 gain realized from the sale of approximately 23% of the Company's investment in the common stock of Rock-Tenn that occurred in March 1994. Excluding this gain, investment income during the first six months of 1995 increased by \$553,000, or 42%, over the same period in 1994. The increase in investment income after excluding the gain from the Rock-Tenn stock sale is due to increased available funds, the implementation of a consolidated cash management program that has resulted in improved earnings on cash and cash equivalents, and increased interest rates. The Company continues to own 509,064 shares of common stock of Rock-Tenn and has no current plans to sell these shares.

Other Income. Other income consists primarily of gains and losses from the sale and disposition of assets. Other income increased approximately \$92,000 for the six months ended June 30, 1995 over the same period in 1994.

Employee Compensation and Benefits. Compensation and employee benefits increased 6.6% during the six months ended June 30, 1995 over the same period in 1994. This increase is due primarily to additional commission expense as a result of the increased commission and fee revenues and the addition of \$542,000 of expenses resulting from the accelerated vesting of benefits under certain terminated deferred compensation arrangements. Compensation and employee benefits as a percentage of commissions were generally consistent between the 1995 and 1994 periods. As of June 30, 1995, the Company had 993 full-time equivalent employees compared to 1,027 at June 30, 1994.

Other Operating Expenses. Other operating expenses for the six months ended June 30, 1995 declined \$227,000 from the same period in 1994 and declined as a percentage of commissions and fees from 24.8% to 23.0%. This decline is due primarily to continued improvements in operational efficiencies.

Interest and Amortization. Interest and amortization expense declined \$436,000 during the six months ended June 30, 1995 from the same period in 1994. This decline is primarily as attributable to lower average borrowings.

Income Taxes. The Company's effective tax rate for the six-month period ended June 30 declined from 38.3% in 1994 to 34.3% in 1995. The decline in the effective tax rate is primarily the result of a \$450,000 reduction in the Company's income tax reserves during the first quarter of 1995 due to the favorable tax settlement in March 1995 of the remaining outstanding Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") examination assessments protested by the Company, as described below. The Company's effective tax rate excluding this \$450,000 tax reduction is 38.5%.

Net Income Summary. Net income for the six months ended June 30, 1995 was \$7,111,000, or \$.82 per share, as compared to net income of \$6,643,000, or \$.77 per share, for the same period in 1994. The 1995 earnings per share includes a favorable tax reserve adjustment of \$.05 per share resulting from the reduction in general tax reserves stemming from the March 1995 settlement of the Company's remaining IRS examination issues. The 1994 earnings per share includes a \$.16 per share gain from the sale of approximately 23% of the Company's investment in common stock of Rock-Tenn. Excluding these items, earnings per share increased from \$.61 in 1994 to \$.77 in 1995, a 26% increase.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994, 1993 AND 1992

Commissions and Fees. Commissions and fees increased 2% in 1994, 7% in 1993 and 8% in 1992. Excluding the effects of acquisitions, commissions and fees would have increased 4% in 1993 compared to a decrease of 2% in 1992. Acquisition activity in 1994 did not have a material impact on commissions and fees.

Although in general, property and casualty insurance premium prices during 1994 remained competitive, there were some increases in premium rates for coastal properties as a result of recent Florida storms, such as Hurricane Andrew, and some increases in insurable exposure units that occurred toward the end of 1994.

Investment Income. Investment income increased \$3,065,000 in 1994 to \$5,126,000 compared to a decrease of \$378,000 in 1993 to \$2,061,000. The 1994 results included a \$2,185,000 gain from the sale of approximately 23% of the Company's investment in the common stock of Rock-Tenn. This sale was in conjunction with an initial public offering by Rock-Tenn of its common stock.

Other Income. During 1994, gains on the sale of customer accounts aggregated \$411,000. During 1993, certain customer accounts were sold for an aggregate net gain of \$864,000, of which \$818,000 related to the sale of two of the Company's retail operations in Tallahassee, Florida and Westlake Village, California. In 1992, customer accounts were sold for \$715,000.

Employee Compensation and Benefits. Employee compensation and benefits remained constant in 1994 compared to an increase of less than 3% in 1993. Without acquisitions, employee compensation and benefits expense remained constant in 1994 and would have decreased less than 1% in 1993. As of December 31, 1994, the Company had 993 full-time equivalent employees compared to 1,002 at the beginning of the year. The impact of the reduction in personnel during 1994 was offset by increases in compensation due to merit raises and production-related increases. The Merger also resulted in a reduction of personnel throughout 1993. This reduction was offset primarily by increases in vacation benefits, operational bonuses, and certain deferred compensation arrangements.

Other Operating Expenses. Other operating expenses declined 12% in 1994 compared to an increase of approximately 3% in 1993. Without acquisitions, operating expenses would have still declined 12% in 1994 and would have increased less than 1% in 1993. The 1994 decline is primarily attributable to approximately \$2,500,000 of costs incurred in 1993 related to the Merger and subsequent improvements in operational efficiencies that resulted in decreases to most other operating expenses. Excluding the \$2,500,000 of Merger-related costs, most of the 1993 other operating expenses declined from their 1992 levels. Other operating expenses for 1992 included a \$1,538,000 charge for certain costs and uncollectible receivables, of which approximately \$800,000 originated from previous acquisitions. In addition, 1992 also included \$481,000 of costs incurred in conjunction with the Merger.

Interest and Amortization. Interest and amortization declined \$553,000 and \$430,000 or 9% and 7% in 1994 and 1993, respectively, due primarily to a reduction in outstanding debt in 1994 and 1993 and the refinancing of certain debt in 1993 at lower interest rates.

Income Taxes. The effective rate on income from operations was 34.3% in 1994, 37.8% in 1993 and 50.3% in 1992. The lower effective tax rate in 1994 is primarily due to the effect of recording a \$700,000 reduction to the general tax reserves as a result of a settlement agreement with the IRS on certain outstanding examination issues, as described below. The higher effective rate in 1992 was primarily due to non-deductible amortization of certain intangible assets, establishment of additional general tax reserves related to the IRS examinations, and a taxable gain differential on a building sale relating to an acquisition in 1990.

In 1992, the IRS completed examinations of the Company's federal income tax returns for tax years 1988, 1989 and 1990. As a result of these examinations, the IRS issued Reports of Proposed Adjustments asserting income tax deficiencies which, by including interest and state income taxes for the periods examined and the Company's estimates of similar adjustments for subsequent periods through December 31, 1993, would total \$6,100,000. The disputed items related primarily to the deductibility of amortization of purchased customer accounts of approximately \$5,107,000 and non-compete agreements of approximately \$993,000. In addition, the IRS's report included a dispute regarding the time at which the Company's payments made pursuant to certain indemnity agreements would be deductible for tax reporting purposes. During 1994, the Company reached a settlement agreement with the IRS with respect to certain of the disputed amortization items and the indemnity agreement payment issue. This settlement reduced the total remaining asserted

income tax deficiencies to approximately \$2,800,000 as of December 31, 1994. In March 1995, the Company reached an agreement with the IRS on the remaining unsettled items.

Discontinued Operations. In 1992, the Company recorded a significant charge of \$1,580,000, or \$0.18 per share, relating to discontinued operations. This charge was associated with the Company's risk-bearing operation, Whiting National Insurance Company ("Whiting"), which was discontinued in 1988. The charge resulted primarily from a re-evaluation of the Company's expected recoveries associated with its indemnity of a reinsurance agreement and, to a lesser extent, from a strengthening of reserves for that indemnity.

The Company had historically estimated that certain recoveries related to the indemnity were available to it from the insolvency of Whiting, placed in liquidation in 1988. While none of the underlying facts had changed, the activity associated with the liquidation of Whiting had proceeded more slowly than anticipated, making realization of those recoveries uncertain. The elimination of those recoveries accounts for approximately three-fourths of the discontinued operations charge. In addition, the Company bolstered reserves associated with the underlying indemnity obligations, further increasing the charge. These reserves are expected to be settled over many years and do not require any immediate significant cash outlays.

Management currently expects that the existing reserves will be sufficient to provide for its responsibility under the indemnity agreement. Accordingly, management believes that the Company's future operating results and financial position will not be materially affected by this indemnity.

Net Income Summary. The Company's net income was \$13,519,000 in 1994, \$8,118,000 in 1993, and \$2,558,000 in 1992. The Company's net income per share was \$1.56, \$0.95, and \$0.30 in 1994, 1993 and 1992, respectively. Net income per share was affected by discontinued operation charges of \$0.18 in 1992. The 1994 net income includes a net after-tax gain of approximately \$1,342,000, or \$1.16 per share, from the Company's sale of part of its investment in Rock-Tenn. The 1994 net income was also positively impacted by \$.08 per share as a result of a favorable settlement of part of the Company's IRS examination and the related reduction in general tax reserves (see "Income Taxes"). Excluding these items, net income in 1994 increased \$.38 per share, primarily as a result of an increase in commissions and fees of approximately 2% and a decrease in expenses of approximately 4%.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company utilizes cash provided by operating activities to finance acquisitions, purchase fixed assets, repay indebtedness, and pay dividends.

During the year ended December 31, 1994, and the six months ended June 30, 1995, the Company's operating activities provided \$10,396,000 and \$14,802,000 of cash, respectively. During those same periods, the Company used \$339,000 and \$2,498,000, respectively, in investing activities primarily for purchases of fixed assets and businesses. During fiscal 1994 and the six months ended June 30, 1995, the Company used \$14,004,000 and \$2,281,000, respectively, of cash for financing activities, representing principally the repayment of long-term debt and notes payable and the payment of cash dividends.

The Company uses its cash and cash equivalents and credit facilities to fund its day-to-day cash requirements. The Company's cash and cash equivalents were \$23,185,000 and \$33,208,000 at December 31, 1994 and June 30, 1995, respectively.

The Company has a credit agreement with CNA under which \$7,000,000 (the maximum amount available for borrowings) was borrowed at June 30, 1995 at an interest rate equal to the prime lending rate plus one percent. The amount available under this facility will decrease by \$1,000,000 each August through the year 2001, when it will expire. On August 1, 1995, the Company made a mandatory \$1,000,000 payment, reducing the outstanding balance to \$6,000,000. See "Risk Factors -- Reliance on Significant Underwriter."

In November 1994, the Company entered into a revolving credit facility with a national banking association that provides for borrowings of up to \$10,000,000. On borrowings under this facility of less than \$1,000,000, the interest rate is the higher of the prime rate or the federal funds rate plus .50%. On borrowings under this facility equal to or in excess of \$1,000,000, the interest rate is LIBOR plus .50% to 1.25%.

depending on certain financial ratios. A commitment fee is assessed in the amount of .25% per annum on the unused balance. The facility expires in November 1997. No borrowings were outstanding against this line of credit as of June 30, 1995. Borrowings would be secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company, subject to existing or permitted liens.

The Company believes that its existing cash, cash equivalents, short-term investments, funds generated from operations, and available credit facility borrowings are sufficient to satisfy its normal financial needs for the near term. The Company's current ratio was 1.10 to 1.0, 1.03 to 1.0 and .97 to 1.0, as of December 31, 1994, 1993, and 1992, respectively. The increase in the ratio at December 31, 1994 was primarily the result of lower premiums payable to insurance companies, lower accounts payable and accrued expenses and less outstanding current portion of long-term debt at year end. The increase in the ratio at December 31, 1993 as compared to December 31, 1992 was primarily the result of higher net cash flows from operations. Premiums payable to insurance companies generally exceed the amount of premiums receivable from customers because of the Company's billing and collection practices and its agreed payment period terms with insurance companies.

THE COMPANY

The Company is the largest insurance agency headquartered in the southeastern United States and the twelfth largest insurance agency in the country, based on total revenues, as reported in Business Insurance, an industry trade publication. The Company is a diversified insurance brokerage and agency that markets and sells primarily property and casualty insurance products and services to its clients. Because the Company does not engage in underwriting activities, it does not assume underwriting risks. Instead, it acts in an agency capacity to provide its customers with targeted, customized risk management products.

The Company is compensated for its services by commissions paid by insurance companies and fees for administration and benefit consulting services. The commission is usually a percentage of the premium paid by an insured. Commission rates generally depend upon the type of insurance, the particular insurance company, and the nature of the services provided by the Company. In some cases, a commission is shared with other agents or brokers who have acted jointly with the Company in a transaction. The Company may also receive from an insurance company a contingent commission that is generally based on the profitability and volume of business placed with it by the Company over a given period of time. Fees are principally generated by the Service Division, which offers administration and benefit consulting services primarily in the workers' compensation and employee benefit self-insurance markets.

The Retail Division targets middle-market companies (annual premiums between \$50,000 and \$500,000), which have historically provided the Company with higher profit margins as compared to large-market companies. The Company believes it derives a competitive advantage from its decentralized management structure. This allows management at the Retail Division's 23 offices to explore new initiatives, respond rapidly to new opportunities, and attract and retain high-quality people. The Retail Division's operations are concentrated in Florida; 70.5% of the division's commissions and fees for the year ended December 31, 1994 was attributable to its Florida offices.

The Company believes its Program Division is an industry leader in marketing specially designed proprietary professional liability, property, casualty, and life and health insurance programs to members of various professional and trade groups. The professional groups targeted by the Company's Program Division include dentists, attorneys, physicians, optometrists and opticians. Targeted trade groups include wholesalers, used auto dealers, and towing operators. The Program Division typically tailors an insurance product to the needs of a particular professional or trade group, negotiates policy forms, coverages and premium rates with an insurance company and, in certain instances, secures the formal or informal endorsement of the product by a professional or trade association. Policies are sold primarily through a national network of approximately 270 non-affiliated independent agencies, representing approximately 2,000 independent agents.

The Company was organized in 1959 and prior to the Merger operated as P&A. On April 28, 1993, a subsidiary of P&A merged with B&B, and the name of the Company was changed to Poe & Brown, Inc. The primary objectives of the Merger were to combine P&A's historically strong program operations with B&B's comparatively high-margin retail operations and to obtain certain synergies as a result of the combination. William F. Poe resigned as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company following the Merger, and J. Hyatt Brown, the President of B&B, became the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and its largest shareholder. In August 1994, William F. Poe resigned as Chairman of the Board of Directors and was succeeded by J. Hyatt Brown. William F. Poe and certain family members and affiliates, all of whom are Selling Shareholders in this Offering, will reduce their aggregate record ownership of the outstanding shares Common Stock from 19.8% to less than 1%, as a result of this Offering (assuming exercise of the Underwriters' over-allotment option). See "Principal and Selling Shareholders." William F. Poe and his brother, Charles W. Poe, serve as directors of the Company, but are not involved in management. William F. Poe, Jr. is employed as an insurance agent with the Company and serves as a director, but is not involved in management of the Company.

BUSINESS

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Premium pricing within the property and casualty insurance underwriting industry has been cyclical and has displayed a high degree of volatility based on prevailing economic and competitive conditions. Since the mid-1980s, the property and casualty insurance industry has been in a "soft market" during which the underwriting capacity of insurance companies expanded, stimulating an increase in competition and a decrease in premium rates and related commissions and fees. Significant reductions in premium rates occurred during the years 1987 through 1989 and continue, although to a lesser degree, through the present. The effect of the softness in rates on the Company's revenues has been somewhat offset by the Company's acquisitions and new business programs. The Company cannot predict the timing or extent of premium pricing changes due to market conditions or their effect on the Company's operations in the future, but believes that the "soft market" conditions will continue into 1996.

In recent years, risk-bearing insurance companies have sought greater operating efficiencies by reducing their agent sales forces. The Company expects that large underwriters will continue to outsource the production of premium revenue to non-affiliated insurance agents, and the Company intends to continue to capitalize on this trend. See "Risk Factors -- Industry Risks."

BUSINESS OVERVIEW

The Company's activities are conducted in 17 locations throughout Florida, and in 10 additional locations in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

The Company's business is divided into four divisions: (i) the Retail Division; (ii) the Program Division; (iii) the Service Division; and (iv) the Brokerage Division. The Retail Division is composed of Company employees in 23 offices that market and sell a broad range of insurance products to insureds. The Program Division works with underwriters to develop proprietary insurance programs for specific niche markets. These programs are marketed and sold primarily through approximately 270 non-affiliated independent agencies, representing approximately 2,000 independent agents throughout the United States. The Company receives an override on the commissions generated by these independent agencies. The Service Division provides insurance-related services such as third-party administration and consultation for workers' compensation and employee benefit self-insurance markets. The Brokerage Division markets and sells excess and surplus commercial insurance primarily through non-affiliated independent agents.

The following table sets forth a summary of (i) the commission and fee revenues realized from each of the Company's operating divisions for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1994 and for the six months ended June 30, 1994 and 1995 (in thousands of dollars), and (ii) the percentage of the Company's total commission and fee revenues represented by each division for each of such periods:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,						SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,			
	1992	%	1993	%	1994	%	1994	%	1995	%
Retail Division(1).....	\$55,910	63.3%	\$58,959	62.4%	\$56,018	58.4%	\$29,210	60.7%	\$30,085	59.2%
Program Division.....	21,988	24.9%	23,633	25.0%	26,519	27.7%	12,255	25.5%	13,342	26.3%
Service Division.....	8,816	10.0%	10,166	10.8%	10,643	11.1%	5,173	10.7%	5,303	10.4%
Brokerage Division.....	1,562	1.8%	1,662	1.8%	2,672	2.8%	1,499	3.1%	2,073	4.1%
Total.....	\$88,276	100%	\$94,420	100%	\$95,852	100%	\$48,137	100%	\$50,803	100%

(1) In 1993 and 1994, the Company sold retail offices in Tallahassee, Florida and Westlake Village, California and various other customer accounts. Over half of the decline in Retail Division revenues from 1993 to 1994 is attributable to those dispositions.

BUSINESS STRATEGY

The Company's objective is to maximize long-term shareholder value by achieving consistent annual revenue growth while maintaining profitability. The Company's strategy to achieve revenue growth is to expand internally in its existing businesses, to create new proprietary products within the Program Division, and to acquire selected independent agencies on an opportunistic basis. The Company expects to continue to capitalize on its strong position in the Florida market and to emphasize its expertise in serving middle-market companies, where the Company has historically achieved higher profit margins.

The Company's strategy to achieve targeted margin enhancements is based upon consistently superior resource productivity. Elements facilitating such productivity include:

- Quality Personnel. The Company believes its most important competitive factor is its ability to recruit, train, and retain quality entrepreneurial people who respond to challenges. The Company provides incentives and educational opportunities for its employees at virtually every level of the organization.
- Decentralized Profit Centers. The Company's four divisions are divided into profit centers based upon office location or specific line of business or service. Each profit center has a manager who maintains responsibility for that profit center's financial results. Each profit center's results therefore depend upon the leadership and creativity of the manager. With the exception of the Program Division, the profit centers are not restricted in their sales efforts by territory or product.
- Incentive Compensation. To align the interests of profit center managers with those of shareholders, the Company maintains an incentive compensation plan that pays profit center managers annual performance bonuses that are tied directly to each profit center's operating profit margin. These bonuses typically are a significant portion of a profit center manager's total compensation.

LINES OF BUSINESS

RETAIL DIVISION

The Retail Division operates through 23 locations in eight states. These locations employ approximately 550 persons, and offer principally property and casualty insurance products. The Company also sells and services a wide range of group and individual life, accident, health, hospitalization, medical and dental insurance products.

The following table sets forth (i) the total commissions and fees derived by the Retail Division on a state of origination basis for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1994, and for each of the six-month periods ended June 30, 1994 and 1995, and (ii) the number of Retail Division offices and agents in each such state as of July 1, 1995:

STATE(1)	NUMBER AGENTS	NUMBER OFFICES	DECEMBER 31,			JUNE 30,	
			1992	1993	1994	1994	1995
(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)							
Florida.....	88	15	\$39,346	\$40,706	\$39,491	\$20,420	\$22,564
Arizona.....	12	1	4,574	4,534	4,555	2,258	2,298
Texas.....	8	1	3,811	3,829	3,363	1,787	1,511
New Jersey.....	5	2	3,325	4,047	3,478	2,046	1,496
California.....	5	1	1,799	2,976	2,889	1,568	1,153
Georgia.....	12	1	2,284	1,862	1,372	688	704
North Carolina.....	4	1	771	1,005	870	443	359
Pennsylvania(2).....	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL.....	139	23	\$55,910	\$58,959	\$56,018	\$29,210	\$30,085

- (1) Revenues are classified by state of origination, rather than customer location. Consequently, reported revenues include sales to customers located in other states.
- (2) Effective July 1, 1995 the Company acquired Robert Scott Gordon, Inc., based in a suburb of Philadelphia.

No material part of the Company's retail business depends upon a single customer or a few customers. During 1994, the Company's Retail Division received approximately \$365,000 of fees and commissions from Rock-Tenn, the Company's largest single Retail Division customer. Such amount represented less than 1% of the Retail Division's total commission and fee revenues for 1994.

In connection with the selling and marketing of insurance coverages, the Company provides a broad range of related services to its customers, such as risk management surveys and analysis, consultation in connection with placing insurance coverages and claims processing. The Company believes these services are important factors in securing and retaining customers.

The Company expects to entertain strategic acquisitions that complement the Company's existing base of retail business. Company profit center managers occasionally alert Company management to acquisition opportunities which they believe to be favorable. All acquisition candidates are evaluated by the acquisition committee of the Company, which reports to the Board of Directors. As opportunities are identified, the Company may engage in discussions with interested parties concerning possible transactions. The Company has evaluated and is evaluating such opportunities and prospects and will continue to do so throughout 1995. The Company cannot predict if any transactions will be consummated, nor the terms or form of consideration that may be required. The Company has historically paid for its acquisitions with cash, although at times it has utilized shares of its Common Stock as consideration, particularly to provide incentives for management of the seller to remain in leadership positions with the Company. See "Risk Factors -- Acquisition Risks."

PROGRAM DIVISION

The Program Division tailors an insurance product to the needs of a particular professional or trade group, negotiates policy forms, coverages, and commission rates with an insurance company, and, in certain cases, secures the formal or informal endorsement of the product by an association. The Program Division's programs are marketed and sold primarily through a national network of approximately 270 non-affiliated independent agencies, representing approximately 2,000 independent agents, who solicit customers through advertisements in association publications, direct mailings and personal contact. The Company also markets these products directly in Florida through the Program Division's Professional Services Program. Under agency agreements with the insurance companies that underwrite these programs, the Company usually has

authority to bind coverages, subject to established guidelines, to bill and collect premiums and, in some cases, to process claims.

The Company is committed to ongoing market research and development of new proprietary programs. The Company employs a variety of methods to assess the coverage needs of various professional groups and trade associations to which the Company does not presently offer insurance products. Among other techniques, these methods include interviews with members of prospective professional and trade groups. If the initial market research is positive, the Company studies the existing and potential competition and locates potential carriers for the program. A proposal is then submitted to and negotiated with a selected carrier and, in most instances, a professional or trade association concerning endorsement of the program. New programs are introduced through written communications, personal visits with agents, placements of advertising in trade publications and, where appropriate, participation in trade shows and conventions. Several new programs are currently being reviewed by the Company. There can be no assurance, however, as to whether the Company will be successful in developing any such new programs or what the market reception will be.

Bruce G. Geer, Executive Vice President of the Company in charge of the Program Division and a member of the Company's Board of Directors, has notified the Company that he will resign as an officer of the Company effective September 1, 1995. Mr. Geer will remain a member of the Company's Board of Directors and will continue to be employed on a part-time basis as a consultant through 1995. Since July 1, 1995, two senior profit center managers in the Program Division have overseen its operations.

Professional Groups. The professional groups targeted by the Program Division include dentists, attorneys, physicians, and optometrists and opticians. Set forth below is a brief description of the programs offered to these four major professional groups.

- **Dentists:** The largest program marketed by the Program Division is a package insurance policy known as the Professional Protector Plan(R), which provides comprehensive coverages for dentists, including practice protection and professional liability. This program was initiated in 1969, is endorsed by more than 25 state dental societies, and is offered in 49 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. This program presently insures approximately 37,300 dentists, which the Company believes represents approximately 27% of the eligible practicing dentists within the Company's marketing territories.

- **Lawyers:** The Company began marketing lawyers' professional liability insurance in 1973, and the national Lawyer's Protector Plan(R) was introduced in 1983. The program presently insures approximately 38,500 attorneys and is offered in 45 states.

- **Physicians:** The Company markets professional liability insurance for physicians, surgeons, and other health care providers through a program known as the Physicians Protector Plan(R). The program was initiated in 1980, is offered in seven states, and insures approximately 4,000 physicians.

- **Optometrists and Opticians:** The Optometric Protector Plan(R) was created in 1973 to provide optometrists and opticians with a package of practice and professional liability coverage. This program insures approximately 6,900 optometrists and opticians in all states and Puerto Rico.

The professional group programs described above are underwritten predominantly through CNA. The Company and CNA are parties to Program Agency Agreements with respect to each of the programs described above. Among other things, these agreements grant the Company the exclusive right to solicit and receive applications for program policies directly and from other licensed agents and to bind and issue such policies and endorsements thereto. In fulfilling its obligations under the agreements, the Company must comply with the administrative and underwriting guidelines established by CNA. The Company must use its best efforts to promote the programs and to solicit and sell program policies. The Company is compensated through commissions on premiums, which vary with respect to insurance product (e.g., workers' compensation, commercial umbrella, package coverage, monoline professional and general liability) and the Company's role in the transaction. The commission to which the Company is entitled may change upon 90 days written notice from CNA. The Program Agency Agreements are generally cancelable by either party on six months'

or one year's advance written notice for any reason. An agreement may also be terminated upon breach, by the non-breaching party, subject to certain opportunities to cure the breach.

The Company believes its relationship with CNA is excellent and that CNA is committed to the programs administered by the Company. However, should CNA become unable or unwilling to continue underwriting such programs, the Company does not believe it would encounter difficulty replacing CNA as the underwriter of the business, although some additional expense and loss of market share would at least initially result. See "Risk Factors -- Reliance On Significant Underwriter."

Commercial. The Program Division's Towing Operators Protector Plan(R) was introduced in 1993 and currently provides specialized insurance products to tow-truck operators in 19 states. The Automobile Dealers Protector Plan(R) insures used car dealers, not affiliated with manufacturers, in Florida through a program endorsed by the Florida Independent Auto Dealers Association. In 1994, this Plan expanded into six additional states, and currently insures approximately 2,200 dealers in seven states. This program is underwritten by TIG Insurance Company.

Health Care Insurers, Inc. ("HCI"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, was created in 1989 to market and sell professional liability and property coverages to hospitals, laboratories, nursing homes, medical groups, and clinics. HCI currently represents 160 clients in ten states.

The Insurance Administration Center ("IAC") became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company in 1989. IAC was founded in 1962 to serve as insurance consultant to the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors ("NAW") and, through NAW, NAW's industry associations, which have a total of approximately 40,000 members. IAC currently serves NAW members as a third-party administration facility for life and health coverages, and markets and sells various employee benefits, property, and casualty insurance products to NAW members.

IAC's third-party administration services include billing, premium accounting, eligibility, enrollment, claims payments, and financial reporting, and IAC currently processes claims for approximately 350 employers associated with NAW in a program for which New York Life Insurance Company is the lead underwriter. Since April 1995, IAC's property and casualty offerings have been principally underwritten by General Accident Insurance Company. Prior to that time, they were principally underwritten by CIGNA.

Revenue Breakdown Among Programs. The table below contains a breakdown of the total commission and fee revenues attributable to each of the Program Division's programs for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1994, and for each of the six-month periods ended June 30, 1994 and 1995:

PROGRAM	DECEMBER 31,			JUNE 30,	
	1992	1993	1994	1994	1995
(IN THOUSANDS)					
Lawyers Protector Plan.....	\$ 5,019	\$ 6,529	\$ 7,839	\$ 3,701	\$ 4,418
Professional Protector Plan.....	7,964	8,133	8,337	3,664	3,757
Automobile Dealers Protector Plan....	1,032	1,225	1,420	720	1,393
IAC-Employee Benefits.....	2,358	2,018	2,193	1,055	1,113
Physicians Protector Plan.....	2,859	2,936	2,913	1,231	1,043
Professional Services Program.....	0	372	932	465	445
Health Care Insurers, Inc.....	834	712	755	291	430
Optometric Protector Plan.....	747	687	886	488	417
Towing Operators Protector Plan.....	0	86	154	56	212
National Association of Wholesaler Distributors -- Property & Casualty.....	1,175	935	1,090	584	114
TOTAL.....	\$21,988	\$23,633	\$26,519	\$12,255	\$13,342

SERVICE DIVISION

The Service Division consists of two separate components: (i) insurance and related services as a third-party administrator ("TPA") for employee health and welfare benefit plans, and (ii) insurance and related services providing comprehensive risk management and third-party administration to self-funded workers' compensation plans.

In connection with its employee benefit plan administrative services, the Service Division provides TPA services, including benefit consulting, benefit plan design and costing, arrangement for the placement of stop-loss insurance and other employee benefit coverages, and settlement of claims. The Service Division provides utilization management services such as pre-admission review, concurrent/retrospective review, pre-treatment review of certain non-hospital treatment plans, and medical and psychiatric case management. In addition to the administration of self-funded health care plans, the Service Division offers administration of flexible benefit plans, including plan design, employee communication, enrollment and reporting. The Service Division's workers' compensation TPA services include risk management services such as loss control, claim administration, access to major reinsurance markets, cost containment consulting, and services for secondary disability and subrogation recoveries.

The Service Division provides workers' compensation TPA services for approximately 2,000 employers representing more than \$1.7 billion of employee payroll. The Service Division's largest workers' compensation contract represents approximately 71% of the Company's workers' compensation TPA revenues, or 5% of the Company's total commission and fee revenues. This contract expires December 31, 1995; negotiations to renew it are in process.

The total revenues derived by the Service Division for the three years ended December 31, 1992, 1993 and 1994 were \$8,816,000, \$10,166,000 and \$10,643,000, respectively, and for the six-month periods ended June 30, 1994 and 1995 were \$5,173,000 and \$5,303,000, respectively. The Service Division has five agents located in two offices in Florida.

BROKERAGE DIVISION

The Brokerage Division markets excess and surplus lines and specialty insurance products to the Company's Retail Division, as well as other retail agencies throughout Florida and the Southeast. The Brokerage Division represents various U.S. and U.K. surplus lines companies and is also a Lloyd's of London correspondent. In addition to surplus lines carriers, the Brokerage Division represents admitted carriers for smaller agencies that do not have access to large insurance carrier representation. Excess and surplus products include commercial automobile, garage, restaurant, builder's risk and inland marine lines. Difficult-to-insure general liability and products liability coverages are a specialty, as is excess workers' compensation. Retail agency business is solicited through mailings and direct contact with retail agency representatives. The total revenues derived by the Brokerage Division's two offices (both in Florida) for the three years ended December 31, 1992, 1993 and 1994 were \$1,562,000, \$1,662,000 and \$2,672,000, respectively, and for the six-month periods ended June 30, 1994 and 1995 were \$1,499,000 and \$2,073,000, respectively. Effective July 1, 1995, the Company acquired Roehrig Flood & Associates, Inc., an excess and surplus lines broker located in St. Petersburg, Florida.

EMPLOYEES

As of June 30, 1995, the Company had 993 full-time equivalent employees. The Company has contracts with its sales employees that include provisions restricting their right to solicit the Company's customers after termination of employment with the Company. The enforceability of such contracts varies from state to state depending upon state statutes, judicial decisions, and factual circumstances. The majority of these contracts are terminable by either party; however, the agreements not to solicit the Company's customers continue generally for a period of at least three years after employment termination.

None of the Company's employees is represented by a labor union, and the Company considers its relations with its employees to be satisfactory.

COMPETITION

The insurance agency business is highly competitive, and numerous firms actively compete with the Company for customers and insurance carriers. Although the Company is the largest insurance agency headquartered in Florida, a number of firms with much greater resources and market presence than the Company compete with the Company in Florida and elsewhere. This situation is particularly pronounced outside Florida. Competition in the insurance business is largely based on innovation, quality of service, and price. A number of insurance companies are engaged in the direct sale of insurance, primarily to individuals, and do not pay commissions to agents and brokers. To date, such direct writing has had relatively little effect on the Company's operations, primarily because the Company's Retail Division is commercially oriented.

REGULATION, LICENSING, AND AGENCY CONTRACTS

The Company or its designated employees must be licensed to act as agents by state regulatory authorities in the states in which the Company conducts business. Regulations and licensing laws vary in individual states and are often complex.

The applicable licensing laws and regulations in all states are subject to amendment or reinterpretation by state regulatory authorities, and such authorities are vested in most cases with relatively broad discretion as to the granting, revocation, suspension and renewal of licenses. The possibility exists that the Company could be excluded or temporarily suspended from carrying on some or all of its activities in, or otherwise subjected to penalties by, a particular state.

MANAGEMENT

DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Set forth below is certain information, as of July 31, 1995, concerning the Company's directors and executive officers.

NAME	POSITIONS	AGE	YEAR FIRST BECAME A DIRECTOR
J. Hyatt Brown.....	Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer	58	1993
Kenneth E. Hill.....	Executive Vice President and Director	57	1993
Jim W. Henderson.....	Executive Vice President and Director	49	1993
Bruce G. Geer(1).....	Executive Vice President and Director	48	1991
William F. Poe(2).....	Director	64	1979(3)
Samuel P. Bell, III.....	Director	56	1993
Theodore J. Hoepner.....	Director	54	1994
Charles W. Poe(2).....	Director	66	1958
William F. Poe, Jr.(2)....	Director	39	1994(4)
V. C. Jordan, Jr.....	Vice Chairman Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer	65	--
Timothy L. Young.....	Officer	32	--
Laurel J. Lenfestey.....	Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel	36	--

(1) Mr. Geer has resigned as Executive Vice President, effective September 1, 1995. He is expected to continue to serve as a director following his resignation and to be employed on a part-time basis as a consultant through 1995.

(2) William F. Poe and Charles W. Poe are brothers, and William F. Poe, Jr. is the son of William F. Poe.

(3) In 1974, Mr. Poe resigned when he was elected Mayor of the City of Tampa. At the expiration of his term as Mayor in 1979, Mr. Poe was reappointed to the Board.

(4) Mr. Poe, Jr. was a director of the Company from April 1991 through April 1993, when he resigned as part of the Merger. Mr. Poe, Jr. was re-elected to the Board in January.

J. HYATT BROWN. Mr. Brown has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since April 1993, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors since August 1994. Mr. Brown has been President and Chief Executive Officer of B&B, now a subsidiary of the Company, since 1961. He was a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1972 to 1980, and Speaker of the House from 1978 to 1980. Mr. Brown serves as Vice Chairman of the Florida Residential Property and Casualty Joint Underwriting Association, as a director of SunTrust Banks, Inc., Sun Bank of Volusia County, Inc., International Speedway Corporation, The FPL Group, Inc., BellSouth Corporation, and Rock-Tenn and as a Trustee of Stetson University.

KENNETH E. HILL. Mr. Hill has been an Executive Vice President of the Company since April 1993. He has served as Executive Vice President of B&B since 1981.

JIM W. HENDERSON. Mr. Henderson served as Senior Vice President of the Company since April 1993, and was elected an Executive Vice President in January of 1995. He has served as Senior Vice President of B&B since 1989. He also served as Chief Financial Officer of B&B from 1985 through 1989.

BRUCE G. GEER. Mr. Geer has been an Executive Vice President of the Company since December 1984. He also served as Chief Financial Officer from 1982 to 1988. Mr. Geer has resigned as Executive Vice President, effective September 1, 1995, but will continue to be employed on a part-time basis as a consultant through 1995.

WILLIAM F. POE. Mr. Poe has been a director of the Company since prior to 1979. He is currently the President of Poe Investments, Inc., a private investment company. From November 1979 until August 1994, he was the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company, and from November 1979 until April 1993, he was the Company's Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Poe is a director of Fort Brooke Corporation of Florida, a holding company that owns the Fort Brooke Bank of Florida.

SAMUEL P. BELL, III. Mr. Bell has been a director of the Company since 1993. He is a shareholder and the managing partner of the law firm of Cobb Cole & Bell. He has served as counsel to B&B since 1964. Mr. Bell was a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1974 to 1988.

THEODORE J. HOEPNER. Mr. Hoepner has been a director of the Company since April 1994. He has been the Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of SunBank, N.A. since 1990. From 1983 through 1990, he was the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of SunBank/Miami, N.A. Mr. Hoepner has been elected Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of SunBanks, Inc. effective September 1, 1995.

CHARLES W. POE. Mr. Poe has been a director of the Company since 1958. He has been the President of Poe Industries, Inc., a private investment company, since December 1990. Mr. Poe was the President and principal owner of City Ready Mix Co. from January 1972 through December 1990. Mr. Poe is also a director of Fort Brooke Corporation of Florida, a holding company that owns the Fort Brooke Bank of Florida.

WILLIAM F. POE, JR. Mr. Poe has been a director of the Company since January 1994, and also served as a director from 1991-1993. He has been Assistant Vice President of the Company since 1988, serving principally as an insurance agent.

V. C. JORDAN, JR. Mr. Jordan has been Vice Chairman of the Company since April 1993, serving on the advisory board to the Board of Directors. He was President of the Company from November 1983 to April 1993.

TIMOTHY L. YOUNG. Mr. Young has been Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company since April 1994, and Treasurer since March 1994. He was Vice President of Finance for Concord Resorts from October 1992 through December 1993. From August 1990 through October 1992, he was Chief Financial Officer of Quest Entertainment, Inc., and from January 1990 through August 1990, he was Director of Accounting for George E. Warren, Inc. For more than three years prior thereto, Mr. Young was an accountant with Coopers & Lybrand.

LAUREL J. LENFESTEY. Ms. Lenfestey has been Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel of the Company since January 1994. She was a partner of the law firm of Holland & Knight from January 1991 through December 1993, and for more than three years prior thereto, she was an associate with Holland & Knight.

PRINCIPAL AND SELLING SHAREHOLDERS

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of the Company's outstanding Common Stock as of July 26, 1995 and after the consummation of the Offering by: (i) each of the Company's directors and executive officers (including certain Selling Shareholders); (ii) all executive officers and directors of the Company as a group; (iii) each person known by the Company to own beneficially more than 5% of the Company's Common Stock; and (iv) each of the other Selling Shareholders (assuming exercise of the Underwriters' over-allotment option). As of July 26, 1995, the Company had outstanding 8,662,686 shares of Common Stock, entitled to one vote per share.

NAME AND ADDRESS(1)	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED PRIOR TO THE OFFERING(2)(3)		SHARES OFFERED FOR SALE(4)	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED AFTER THE OFFERING	
	NUMBER	PERCENT		NUMBER	PERCENT
DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS					
J. Hyatt Brown(5)	1,991,210	23.0%	--	1,991,210	23.0%
Samuel P. Bell, III Cobb Cole & Bell 131 N. Gadsden Street Tallahassee, FL 32301	1,000	*	--	1,000	*
Bruce G. Geer	95,317	1.1%	--	95,317	1.1%
Jim W. Henderson(6)	70,407	*	--	70,407	*
Kenneth E. Hill	4,032	*	--	4,032	*
Theodore J. Hoepner SunBank, N.A. 200 S. Orange Avenue Orlando, FL 32801	1,000	*	--	1,000	*
V. C. Jordan, Jr.(7)	124,612	1.4%	--	124,612	1.4%
Timothy L. Young	2,769	*	--	2,769	*
Laurel J. Lenfestey	420	*	--	420	*
DIRECTORS WHO ARE SELLING SHAREHOLDERS					
Charles W. Poe(8)	1,056,211	12.2%	--	7,500	*
William F. Poe(9)	1,002,881	11.6%	80,760	33,160	*
William F. Poe, Jr.(10)	273,092	3.2%	5,623	15,020	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (12 persons)	4,622,951	53.3%	86,383	2,346,447	27.0%
OTHER SELLING SHAREHOLDERS(7)					
William F. Poe Sr. Grantor Retained Annuity Trust	600,000	6.9%	600,000	--	*
Charles E. Poe (11)	290,186	3.3%	22,717	15,000	*
Charles W. Poe Grantor Retained Annuity Trust	289,662	3.3%	289,662	--	*
Keren Poe Foster(11)	284,920	3.3%	13,889	18,562	*
Marilyn Poe Luskis(11)	282,459	3.3%	14,990	15,000	*
Janice Poe Mitchell(11)	276,011	3.2%	8,542	15,000	*
W. F. Poe Syndicate, Inc.(12)	267,469	3.1%	252,469	15,000	*
Charles W. Poe & Co.(12)	158,111	1.8%	150,611	7,500	*
Doris P. Anderson	125,791	1.5%	101,590	24,201	*
William F. Poe Foundation	50,000	*	50,000	--	*
Elizabeth A. Poe	13,775	*	13,775	--	*
Lynn Poe(13)	10,000	*	5,438	4,562	*
Charles W. Poe Revocable Living Trust	8,438	*	8,438	--	*
Jennifer Poe Wolf(14)	7,188	*	5,438	1,750	*
Reynolds Children Trust	4,562	*	4,562	--	*

NAME AND ADDRESS(1)	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED PRIOR TO THE OFFERING(2)(3)		SHARES OFFERED FOR SALE(4)	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED AFTER THE OFFERING	
	NUMBER	PERCENT		NUMBER	PERCENT
J. Wayne Anderson.....	4,496		4,496	--	*
Ronald and Joan Anderson.....	4,000		4,000	--	*
Wolf Children's Trust.....	1,750	*	1,750	--	*

* Less than 1%.

- (1) The business address for Messrs. Brown, Henderson, Hill, and Young is 220 South Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114. The business address for Messrs. Geer, Jordan and Poe, Jr. and Ms. Lenfestey is 401 East Jackson Street, Suite 1700, Tampa, Florida 33602.
- (2) Beneficial ownership of shares, as determined in accordance with applicable Commission rules, includes shares as to which a person has or shares voting power or investment power or has the right to acquire within 60 days. The Company has been informed that all shares shown are held of record with sole voting and investment power, except as otherwise indicated.
- (3) The number and percentage of shares owned by the following persons include the indicated number of shares that are owned by the spouse of such person, and each person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares: Mr. Hill -- 4,032; Mr. Geer -- 26,260; Mr. Poe, Sr. -- 13,775; all directors and executive officers as a group -- 44,067. The number and percentage of shares owned by the following persons include the indicated number of shares owned through the Company's 401(k) plan as of July 26, 1995: Mr. Henderson -- 32,563; Mr. Poe, Jr. -- 697; Mr. Young -- 41; Ms. Lenfestey -- 420. Shares beneficially owned by Mr. Geer and Mr. Jordan include 175 and 17,698 shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options, respectively.
- (4) The amounts shown under the column Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to the Offering were determined in accordance with Commission rules requiring inclusion of shares over which a person has voting or investment power. The amounts in the column Shares Offered for Sale do not correspond to those numbers and instead are the number of shares owned of record by the Selling Shareholder and being sold in the Offering.
- (5) Mr. Brown's ownership includes 167,739 shares owned by his children, as to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed. Mr. Brown owns 1,823,471 shares in joint tenancy with his wife, and these shares are subject to shared voting and investment power.
- (6) Mr. Henderson's ownership includes 1,000 shares owned by his daughter, as to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (7) All shares are held of record by the V. C. Jordan, Jr. Revocable Trust, of which V. C. Jordan, Jr. is trustee.
- (8) The number and percentage of shares shown in the table as owned by Charles W. Poe consist of (a) 8,438 shares owned by the Charles W. Poe Revocable Living Trust, (b) 289,662 shares owned by the Charles W. Poe Grantor Retained Annuity Trust, as to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed, (c) 158,111 shares owned by Charles W. Poe & Co. (of which 150,611 shares are being sold [80,611 shares if the over-allotment option is not exercised]), a partnership in which Mr. Poe is a partner, and (d) 600,000 shares held as trustee for the William F. Poe, Sr. Grantor Retained Annuity Trust, as to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed. Mr. Poe's business address is 4601 San Miguel, Tampa, Florida 33629.
- (9) The number and percentage of shares shown in the table as owned by William F. Poe include the following shares, as to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed: (a) 13,775 shares owned by Elizabeth A. Poe, Mr. Poe's spouse; (b) 267,469 shares owned by W. F. Poe Syndicate, Inc. (of which 252,469 shares are being sold [108,719 shares if the over-allotment option is not exercised]), a corporation of which Mr. Poe is President and in which he has a 5% ownership interest; (c) 22,717 shares owned by Charles E. Poe, his adult son who shares his household; and (d) 600,000 shares owned of record by the William F. Poe, Sr. Grantor Retained Annuity Trust. Mr. Poe's business address is 1000 North Ashley Drive, Tampa, Florida 33602.

- (10) William F. Poe, Jr.'s ownership includes 267,469 shares owned by W. F. Poe Syndicate, Inc. (of which 252,469 shares are being sold [108,719 shares if the over-allotment option is exercised]), a corporation of which he is a director and in which he has a 19% ownership interest and as to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (11) Charles E. Poe's, Marilyn Poe Luskis', Keren Poe Foster's, and Janice Poe Mitchell's ownership includes 267,469 shares owned by W. F. Poe Syndicate, Inc., a corporation in which each of the above is a director and in which he or she has a 19% ownership interest (of which 252,469 shares are being sold [108,719 shares if the over-allotment option is not exercised]).
- (12) If the Underwriters' over-allotment option is not exercised, the Shares Offered for Sale by Charles W. Poe & Co. and by W. F. Poe Syndicate, Inc. will be 80,611 and 108,719, respectively; the shares Beneficially Owned after the Offering will be 77,500 and 158,750, respectively.
- (13) The number and percentage of shares shown in the table include 4,562 shares beneficially owned by Lynn Poe as Trustee of the Reynolds Children Trust.
- (14) The number and percentage of shares shown in the table include 1,750 shares beneficially owned by Jennifer Wolf as Trustee of the Wolf Children Trust.

UNDERWRITING

Subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Underwriting Agreement, each of the Underwriters named below (the "Underwriters") has severally agreed to purchase, and the Selling Shareholders have agreed to sell to such Underwriters, the number of shares of Common Stock set forth below opposite the name of such Underwriter:

NAME OF UNDERWRITER	NUMBER OF SHARES
Smith Barney Inc.....	
The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc.....	

Total.....	1,425,000 =====

The Underwriting Agreement provides that the obligations of the several Underwriters to pay for and accept delivery of the Shares are subject to approval of certain legal matters by counsel and certain other conditions. The Selling Shareholders are obligated to sell, and the Underwriters are obligated to purchase, all the shares of Common Stock offered hereby if any are purchased.

The Underwriters, for whom Smith Barney Inc. and The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc. are acting as representatives (the "Representatives"), have advised the Company and the Selling Shareholders that they initially propose to offer part of the shares of the Common Stock directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this Prospectus and part of the shares to certain dealers at a price that represents a concession not in excess of \$ per share under the public offering price. The Underwriters may allow, and such dealers may reallow, a concession not in excess of \$ per share to certain other dealers. After the initial public offering, the offering price and the concessions may be changed by the Representatives.

Certain Selling Shareholders have granted the Underwriters an option, exercisable for 30 days from the date of this Prospectus, to purchase, in the aggregate, up to 213,750 additional shares of Common Stock at the initial public offering price, less underwriting discounts and commissions, as set forth on the cover page of this Prospectus. The Underwriters may exercise such option solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, if any, incurred in the sale of the shares of Common Stock offered hereby. To the extent such option is exercised, each Underwriter will become obligated, subject to certain conditions, to purchase approximately the same percentage of such additional shares as the number set forth next to such Underwriter's name in the preceding table bears to the total shown.

The Company, the Selling Shareholders and the Underwriters have agreed to indemnify each other or contribute to losses arising out of certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

The Company, its officers and directors, and the Selling Shareholders have agreed not to, directly or indirectly, offer, sell, contract to sell, grant any option to purchase or otherwise sell or dispose (or announce

any offer, sale, offer of sale, contract of sale, grant of any option to purchase or other sale or disposition) of any shares of Common Stock or other capital stock or any securities convertible into, or exercisable or exchangeable for any share of Common Stock or other capital stock, for a period of 180 days, in the case of the Selling Shareholders and J. Hyatt Brown, and 90 days, in the case of the other officers and directors, after the date of this Prospectus without the prior written consent of the Representatives, on behalf of the Underwriters.

In connection with this offering, certain Underwriters and selling group members (if any) or their respective affiliates who are qualified registered market makers on The Nasdaq Stock Market may engage in passive market making transactions in the Common Stock on The Nasdaq Stock Market in accordance with Rule 10b-6A under the Exchange Act, during the two business day period before commencement of offers and sales of the Common Stock. These passive market making transactions must comply with applicable volume and price limits and be identified as such. In general, a passive market maker may display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid for the security; however, if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid, such bid must then be lowered when certain purchase limits are exceeded.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with the Offering will be passed upon for the Company by Holland & Knight, Tampa, Florida, for the Selling Shareholders by Shackelford, Farrior, Stallings & Evans, Tampa, Florida, and for the Underwriters by King & Spalding, Atlanta, Georgia.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of the Company at December 31, 1994 and 1993, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1994, appearing in this Prospectus, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent certified public accountants, as set forth in their report thereon appearing elsewhere herein, and are included in reliance upon such report given upon the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents heretofore filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, are incorporated herein by reference, except as superseded or modified:

1. The Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1994;
2. The Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 1995;
3. The Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1995;
4. The Company's Proxy Statement, dated March 22, 1995, for the Company's 1995 Annual Meeting of Shareholders; and
5. The description of the Company's Common Stock contained in its registration statement on Form S-4, File Number 33-58090, filed with the Commission on February 10, 1993, as amended.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of this Offering shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

The information relating to the Company contained in this Prospectus does not purport to be comprehensive and must be read together with the information contained in the documents listed above, which have been incorporated by reference. Any information contained in a document incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be modified or superseded, for purposes of this Prospectus, to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute part of this Prospectus.

The Company will provide without charge to each person to whom this Prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request of such person, a copy of any document incorporated by reference in this Prospectus,

other than exhibits to any such document not specifically described above. Requests for such documents should be directed to Poe & Brown, Inc., 401 East Jackson Street, Suite 1700, Tampa, Florida 33602, Attention: Laurel J. Lenfestey (telephone number (813) 222-4100).

GLOSSARY OF SELECTED INSURANCE TERMS

Casualty insurance: Insurance which is primarily concerned with the losses caused by injuries to third persons (i.e., persons other than the policyholder) and the legal liability imposed on the insured resulting therefrom, including workers' compensation, commercial and private passenger automobile coverage and fidelity and surety insurance.

Contingent commissions: Commissions paid by insurance carriers based upon the volume and profitability of the business placed with such carriers, generally for the preceding year.

Excess and surplus lines: Specialized property and casualty coverage that is generally not available from licensed insurers because a risk requires limits above that readily available from other insurers, has above average loss experience or frequency, or involves a higher degree of hazard or loss severity potential than risks customarily assumed by other insurers. An insurance company that specialized in excess and surplus lines is usually unlicensed in the states in which it provides such lines but approved as an excess and surplus lines carrier in such states.

Insurable exposure units: Specific items to be covered under an insurance policy. These include both tangible (e.g., buildings, equipment, automobiles) and intangible (e.g., sales, earnings, employee payroll levels, etc.) assets.

Override commission: That portion of the commission retained by the wholesale brokerage that markets and distributes the insurance product.

Property insurance: Insurance against physical damage to property and resultant interruption of business or extra expense caused by fire, windstorm or other perils.

Retail agency: Business organization whose employees represent and act as agent for businesses and individuals in their purchase of insurance. The retail agent negotiates on behalf of the insured and is generally compensated on a commission basis.

Third party administrator ("TPA"): Business organization that provides specified consulting and administrative services, typically in the area of employee benefits and risk management, in exchange for a fee. Services generally provided under a TPA agreement include employee benefit design and costing, arrangement of employee benefit coverage, claims management and administration, and utilization management.

Wholesale brokerage: Business organization that acts as intermediary between insurer and retail agency. The wholesale broker generally markets and distributes insurance products to independent retail agencies whose premium volume is not large enough to maintain a direct relationship with an insurance carrier.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Directors
Poe & Brown, Inc.
Daytona Beach, Florida

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Poe & Brown, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1993 and 1994, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1994. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Poe & Brown, Inc. and subsidiaries at December 31, 1993 and 1994, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1994, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, in 1994 the Company changed its method of accounting for certain investments in debt and equity securities.

ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Tampa, Florida
January 28, 1995, except for
the last paragraph of Note 2,
as to which the date is
March 1, 1995

POE & BROWN, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	DECEMBER 31,		JUNE 30,
	1993	1994	1995
			(UNAUDITED)
			(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND SHARES, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 27,132	\$ 23,185	\$ 33,208
Short-term investments.....	667	787	672
Premiums and commissions receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$435 at 1993, \$69 at 1994, and \$124 at 1995.....	54,308	56,784	46,760
Other current assets.....	4,791	6,779	5,249
Total current assets.....	86,898	87,535	85,889
Fixed assets, net.....	8,063	8,330	9,206
Intangibles, net.....	35,914	32,973	33,072
Investments.....	695	9,274	9,264
Other assets.....	3,354	2,868	4,129
Total assets.....	\$134,924	\$140,980	\$141,560
LIABILITIES			
Premiums payable to insurance companies.....	\$ 67,078	\$ 63,195	\$ 59,280
Premium deposits and credits due customers.....	5,051	6,970	5,600
Accounts payable and accrued expenses.....	8,984	8,302	7,879
Current portion of long-term debt.....	3,232	1,434	1,420
Total current liabilities.....	84,345	79,901	74,179
Long-term debt.....	17,637	7,430	8,199
Deferred income taxes.....	1,323	3,778	3,320
Other liabilities.....	4,373	5,765	6,584
Total liabilities.....	107,678	96,874	92,282
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Common stock, par value \$.10; authorized 18,000 shares; issued 8,550 shares at 1993; 8,635 shares at 1994; and 8,663 shares at 1995.....	855	864	867
Additional paid-in capital.....	1,314	2,241	2,403
Retained earnings.....	25,883	35,660	40,704
Net unrealized appreciation of available-for-sale securities, net of tax effect of \$3,344 at 1994 and \$3,320 at 1995.....	--	5,341	5,304
Treasury stock, at cost; 45 shares at 1993; 0 shares at 1994 and 1995.....	(806)	--	--
Total shareholders' equity.....	27,246	44,106	49,278
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity.....	\$134,924	\$140,980	\$141,560

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,			SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,	
	1992	1993	1994	1994	1995
	(UNAUDITED)				
	(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND SHARES, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)				
REVENUES					
Commissions and fees.....	\$88,276	\$94,420	\$ 95,852	\$48,137	\$50,803
Investment income.....	2,439	2,061	5,126	3,488	1,856
Other income.....	793	1,340	602	238	330
Total revenues.....	91,508	97,821	101,580	51,863	52,989
EXPENSES					
Employee compensation and benefits.....	51,456	52,699	52,554	26,315	28,051
Other operating expenses.....	25,159	25,930	22,848	11,919	11,692
Interest and amortization.....	6,575	6,145	5,592	2,854	2,418
Total expenses.....	83,190	84,774	80,994	41,088	42,161
Income before income taxes and loss from discontinued operations.....	8,318	13,047	20,586	10,775	10,828
Income taxes.....	4,180	4,929	7,067	4,132	3,717
Income from continuing operations.....	4,138	8,118	13,519	6,643	7,111
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax benefit of \$976.....	1,580	--	--	--	--
Net income.....	\$ 2,558	\$ 8,118	\$ 13,519	\$ 6,643	\$ 7,111
INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE					
Continuing operations.....	\$.48	\$.95	\$ 1.56	\$.77	\$.82
Discontinued operations.....	(.18)	--	--	--	--
Net income.....	\$.30	\$.95	\$ 1.56	\$.77	\$.82
Weighted average number of shares outstanding...	8,569	8,571	8,670	8,615	8,696

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	COMMON STOCK		ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL	RETAINED EARNINGS	NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION	TREASURY STOCK		TOTAL
	SHARES	AMOUNT				SHARES	AMOUNT	
	(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND SHARES, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)							
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1992.....	8,657	\$866	\$1,137	\$ 22,307	\$ --	242	\$(2,104)	\$22,206
Net income.....				2,558				2,558
Issued for stock option plans and employee stock purchase plans.....			(12)			(81)	621	609
Purchase and retirement of Brown stock.....	(118)	(12)		(1,177)				(1,189)
Adjustment to conform fiscal year ends of Brown and Arch-Holmes (See Note 2).....				(924)				(924)
Cash dividends paid (\$.40 per share).....				(2,028)				(2,028)
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1992.....	8,539	854	1,125	20,736	--	161	(1,483)	21,232
Net income.....				8,118				8,118
Issued for stock option plans and employee stock purchase plans.....	11	1	13			(116)	677	691
Tax benefit from sale of option shares by employees.....			176					176
Cash dividends paid (\$.40 per share).....				(2,971)				(2,971)
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1993.....	8,550	855	1,314	25,883	--	45	(806)	27,246
Net income.....				13,519				13,519
Issued for stock option plans and employee stock purchase plans.....	85	9	872			(45)	806	1,687
Tax benefit from sale of option shares by employees.....			55					55
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle (see Note 1).....					23			23
Net increase in unrealized appreciation of available-for-sale securities.....					5,318			5,318
Partnership distributions for Insurance West.....				(200)				(200)
Cash dividends paid (\$.42 per share).....				(3,542)				(3,542)
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1994.....	8,635	864	2,241	35,660	5,341	--	--	44,106
Net income (unaudited).....				7,111				7,111
Issued for stock option plans (unaudited).....	28	3	162					165
Net decrease in unrealized appreciation of available-for-sale securities (unaudited).....					(37)			(37)
Cash dividends paid (\$.24 per share) (unaudited).....				(2,067)				(2,067)
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1995 (UNAUDITED)...	8,663	\$867	\$2,403	\$ 40,704	\$5,304	--	\$ --	\$49,278

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,			SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,	
	1992	1993	1994	1994	1995
	(UNAUDITED)				
	(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)				
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Net Income.....	\$ 2,558	\$ 8,118	\$ 13,519	\$ 6,643	\$ 7,111
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization.....	7,085	7,030	6,398	3,361	3,266
Provision for doubtful accounts.....	749	562	19	47	55
Deferred income taxes.....	516	499	(1,173)	--	(1,638)
Net gains on sales of investments, fixed assets and customer accounts.....	(809)	(864)	(2,231)	(2,389)	(311)
Loss from discontinued operations.....	1,580	--	--	--	--
Adjustment due to change in pooled entities' year end.....	(1,694)	--	--	--	--
Premiums and commissions receivable (increase) decrease.....	(12,524)	1,982	(2,374)	6,516	9,969
Other assets decrease (increase).....	201	805	(2,439)	925	1,239
Premiums payable to insurance companies increase (decrease).....	10,389	4,657	(3,951)	(4,585)	(3,915)
Premium deposits and credits due customers increase (decrease).....	985	(471)	1,919	(644)	(1,370)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses decrease.....	(708)	(2,821)	(683)	(2,276)	(423)
Other liabilities increase.....	320	1,212	1,392	872	819
Net cash provided by operating activities.....	8,648	20,709	10,396	8,470	14,802
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Additions to fixed assets.....	(2,194)	(1,815)	(2,400)	(1,453)	(2,100)
Payments for businesses acquired, net of cash acquired.....	(5,858)	(2,120)	(1,382)	--	(825)
Proceeds from sales of fixed assets and customer accounts.....	1,187	427	1,337	184	362
Purchases of investments.....	(731)	(93)	(187)	--	(261)
Proceeds from sales of investments.....	4,103	709	2,346	2,404	326
Other investing activities, net.....	316	(130)	(53)	18	--
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities.....	(3,177)	(3,022)	(339)	1,153	(2,498)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Payments on long-term debt and notes payable...	(5,441)	(11,090)	(12,004)	(9,051)	(639)
Proceeds from long-term debt and notes payable.....	1,550	3,833	--	3,234	260
Exercise of stock options, issuances of stock and treasury stock sales.....	609	691	1,687	742	165
Tax benefit from sale of option shares by employees.....	--	176	55	--	--
Purchase and retirement of treasury stock.....	(95)	--	--	--	--
Partnership distributions.....	--	--	(200)	(129)	--
Cash dividends paid.....	(2,028)	(2,971)	(3,542)	(1,674)	(2,067)
Net cash used in financing activities.....	(5,405)	(9,361)	(14,004)	(6,878)	(2,281)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents.....	66	8,326	(3,947)	2,745	10,023
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period.....	18,740	18,806	27,132	27,132	23,185
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period.....	\$ 18,806	\$ 27,132	\$ 23,185	\$ 29,877	\$ 33,208

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(UNAUDITED WITH RESPECT TO THE SIX-MONTH PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 1994 AND 1995)

NOTE 1 -- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Poe & Brown, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company"). All significant intercompany account balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

BASIS OF INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 1995 and for the six month periods ended June 30, 1994 and 1995, have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals and the income tax adjustment described in Note 9) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. The operating results for the six months ended June 30, 1995 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the entire year.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

Commissions relating to the brokerage and agency activity whereby the Company has primary responsibility for the collection of premiums from insureds are generally recognized as of the later of the effective date of the policy or the date billed. Commissions to be received directly from insurance companies are generally recognized when ascertained. Subsequent commission adjustments such as policy cancellations, are recognized upon notification from the insurance companies. Commission revenues are reported net of sub-broker commissions. Contingent commissions from insurance companies are recognized when received. Fee income is recognized when services are rendered.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents principally consist of demand deposits with financial institutions, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit having maturities of less than three months when purchased.

PREMIUMS AND COMMISSIONS RECEIVABLE

In its capacity as an insurance broker or agent, the Company typically collects premiums from insureds and, after deducting its authorized commissions, remits the premiums to the appropriate insurance companies. In other circumstances, the insurance companies collect the premiums directly from the insureds and remit the applicable commissions to the Company. Accordingly, as reported in the consolidated balance sheets, "premiums" are receivable from insureds and "commissions" are receivable from insurance companies.

INVESTMENTS

Effective January 1, 1994, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities." Under these new rules, debt securities that the Company has both the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity would be classified as "held-to-maturity" securities and would be reported at amortized cost, adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts to maturity. Such amortization, as well as interest earnings on these securities, would be included in investment income.

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Marketable equity securities and debt securities not classified as held-to-maturity are classified as "available-for-sale." Available-for-sale securities are reported at estimated fair value, with the unrealized gains and losses, net of tax, reported as a separate component of shareholders' equity. The amortized cost of debt securities in this category is adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts to maturity. Such amortization and accretion is included in investment income. Realized gains and losses and declines in value judged to be other-than-temporary on available-for-sale securities are included in investment income. The cost of securities sold is based on the specific identification method. Interest and dividends on securities classified as available-for-sale are included in investment income.

Nonmarketable equity securities and certificates of deposit having maturities of more than three months when purchased are reported at cost, adjusted for other-than-temporary market value declines.

The adoption of SFAS No. 115 resulted in an increase of \$23,000 (net of \$15,000 in deferred taxes) to shareholders' equity as of January 1, 1994. Application of this new Statement resulted in an increase of \$5,341,000 and \$5,304,000 in shareholders' equity, net of \$3,344,000 and \$3,320,000 in deferred income taxes, as of December 31, 1994 and June 30, 1995, respectively.

As of January 1, 1994, the Company owned 659,064 shares of common stock of Rock-Tenn Company with an aggregate cost of \$565,000. As of that date, the common stock of Rock-Tenn Company was not publicly traded and, therefore, had no readily determinable market value. However, on March 3, 1994, the common stock of Rock-Tenn Company was registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and began trading on The Nasdaq Stock Market at the initial public offering price of \$16.50 per share. As part of the initial public offering of the Rock-Tenn Company's common stock, the Company sold 150,000 shares of its investment in this stock and reported a net after-tax gain of \$1,342,000 in the first quarter of 1994. The remaining 509,064 shares of Rock-Tenn Company common stock held by the Company have been classified as non-current available-for-sale securities as of December 31, 1994 and June 30, 1995. The Company has no current plans to sell these shares.

FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets are stated at cost. Expenditures for improvements are capitalized and expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred. Upon sale or retirement, the cost and related accumulated depreciation and amortization are removed from the accounts and the resulting gain or loss, if any, is reflected in income. Depreciation has been provided using principally the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets which range from three to ten years. Leasehold improvements are amortized on the straight-line method over the term of the related leases.

INTANGIBLES

Intangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization and principally represent purchased customer accounts, non-compete agreements, purchased contract agreements, and the excess of costs over the fair market value of identifiable net assets acquired (goodwill). Purchased customer accounts, non-compete agreements, and purchased contract agreements are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the related estimated lives and contract periods, which range from three to 15 years. The excess of costs over the fair value of identifiable net assets acquired is being amortized on a straight-line basis over 40 years. Purchased customer accounts are records and files obtained from acquired businesses that contain information on insurance policies and the related insured parties that is essential to policy renewals.

The carrying value of intangibles, corresponding with each agency division and subsidiary comprising the Company, is periodically reviewed by management to determine if the facts and circumstances suggest that they may be impaired. In the insurance brokerage and agency industry, it is common for agencies or books of business (customer accounts) to be acquired at a price determined as a multiple of the corresponding

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

revenues. Accordingly, the Company assesses the carrying value of its intangibles by comparison to a reasonable multiple applied to corresponding revenues, as well as considering the operating cash flow generated by the corresponding agency division or subsidiary. Any impairment identified through this assessment may require that the carrying value of related intangibles be adjusted.

INCOME TAXES

The Company files a consolidated federal income tax return. Deferred income taxes are provided for in the consolidated financial statements and relate principally to expenses charged to income for financial reporting purposes in one period and deducted for income tax purposes in other periods, unrealized appreciation of available-for-sale securities, and basis differences of intangible assets.

NET INCOME PER SHARE

Net income per share is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding, adjusted for the dilutive effect of stock options, which is the same on both a primary and fully-diluted basis.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain amounts in the 1993 and 1992 consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the 1994 consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 2 -- MERGERS

On April 28, 1993, Poe & Associates, Inc. ("Poe") issued 3,013,975 shares of its common stock in exchange for all of the outstanding common stock of Brown & Brown, Inc. ("Brown") a closely-held general insurance agency headquartered in Daytona Beach, Florida. Subsequent to that transaction, Poe's name was changed to Poe & Brown, Inc.

On November 1, 1993, the Company issued 124,736 shares of its common stock in exchange for all of the outstanding common stock of Arch-Holmes Insurance, Inc. ("Arch-Holmes"), a closely-held general insurance agency headquartered in Hollywood, Florida.

Both transactions were accounted for as pooling-of-interests and accordingly, the Company's consolidated financial statements have been restated for all periods prior to the mergers to include the results of operations, financial positions, and cash flows of Brown and Arch-Holmes. To conform to Poe's year end, the fiscal year ends of Brown and Arch-Holmes were changed to December 31 effective on each of the respective merger dates. Accordingly, the three-month period ended March 31, 1992 for Brown and Arch-Holmes, which consisted of aggregate revenues of \$10,580,000 and aggregate net income of \$924,000, has been included in both the Company's 1992 and 1991 operating results. Accordingly, an adjustment has been made in 1992 to retained earnings for the duplication of this net income.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

The following reflects the 1992 individual company operating results of Poe, Brown, and Arch-Holmes. Amounts pertaining to Brown and Arch-Holmes for 1993 reflect their respective operating results up to their dates of merger.

	POE	BROWN	ARCH-HOLMES	COMBINED
	(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)			
1993				
Revenues.....	\$80,817	\$13,488	\$ 1,265	\$95,570
Net income (loss).....	6,897	1,145	(39)	8,003
1992				
Revenues.....	\$52,393	\$35,452	\$ 1,465	\$89,310
Income from continuing operations.....	2,865	1,208	68	4,141
Loss from discontinued operations.....	(1,580)	--	--	(1,580)
Net income.....	1,285	1,208	68	2,561
1992				
Net Income Per Share				
As previously reported.....	\$ 0.25			
Combined.....	\$ 0.30			

Effective March 1, 1995, the Company issued 146,300 shares of its common stock in exchange for all of the partnership interest in Insurance West, a Phoenix, Arizona general insurance agency. The merger has been accounted for as a pooling-of-interests and, accordingly, the Company's consolidated financial statements have been restated for all periods prior to the merger to include the results of operations, financial positions and cash flows of Insurance West. The individual company operating results of Insurance West prior to the date of the merger are not material to the Company's consolidated operating results.

NOTE 3 -- ACQUISITIONS

During 1994 the Company acquired the assets of three insurance agencies for an aggregate cost of \$656,000. The Company had no acquisitions during 1993 accounted for as purchases. In 1992 the Company acquired outstanding shares of one insurance agency and the assets of five other insurance agencies at an aggregate cost of \$11,784,000. The 1994 and 1992 acquisitions were accounted for as purchases, and substantially the entire cost was assigned to purchased customer accounts, non-compete agreements, and goodwill.

Additional or return consideration resulting from acquisition contingency provisions are recorded as adjustments to intangibles when they occur. Certain contingency payments relating to these acquisitions were finalized in 1993 and 1992, resulting in a net increase (decrease) to the original combined purchase price of \$5,893,000 and (\$315,000), respectively. The results of operations of the acquired companies have been included in the consolidated financial statements from their respective acquisition dates. Pro forma results of operations of the Company for the years ended December 31, 1994, 1993 and 1992, including 1994 acquisitions as though they occurred on January 1, 1994 and the 1992 acquisitions as though they occurred on January 1, 1992, were not materially different from the results of operations as reported.

During the six-month period ended June 30, 1995, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of King Insurance Agency, Inc. of Naples, Florida and S. Lloyd Underwriters, Inc. of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. In addition, during that same period, the Company purchased four small books of business (customer accounts). In connection with these acquisitions, the Company acquired assets valued at \$1,960,000 in exchange for cash of \$825,000 and debt of \$1,135,000. These acquisitions have been accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Their results of operations have been combined with those of the Company since their respective acquisition dates. Pro forma results of operations of the Company for the six months ended June 30, 1994 and

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1995 and the year ended December 31, 1994, including these acquisitions as if they occurred on January 1, 1994, were not materially different from the results of operations as reported.

NOTE 4 -- INVESTMENTS

Investments at December 31, 1994 consisted of the following:

	DECEMBER 31, 1994	
	CARRYING VALUE	
	CURRENT	NON-CURRENT
	(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)	
Available-for-sale marketable equity securities.....	\$ 317	\$ 9,163
Nonmarketable equity securities and certificates of deposit...	470	111
Total Investments.....	\$ 787	\$ 9,274
	=====	=====

The following summarizes available-for-sale securities at December 31, 1994:

	COST	GROSS UNREALIZED GAINS	GROSS UNREALIZED LOSSES	ESTIMATED FAIR VALUE
	(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)			
Marketable equity securities.....	\$795	\$8,739	\$54	\$ 9,480

Investments at December 31, 1993 consisted of marketable equity securities reported at aggregate cost which approximates market value, other investments reported at cost, and certificates of deposit having maturities of more than three months when purchased.

In 1994, the Company's proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities totaled \$2,314,000, from which \$2,185,000 of gross gains were realized. During 1993, the Company had no sales of marketable equity securities. In 1992, the Company realized net gains on sales of marketable equity securities in the amount of \$329,000.

NOTE 5 -- FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets are summarized as follows:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	1993	1994
	(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)	
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment.....	\$21,461	\$17,180
Land, buildings, and improvements.....	1,453	1,349
Leasehold improvements.....	1,629	1,564
	24,543	20,093
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization.....	16,480	11,763
	\$ 8,063	\$ 8,330
	=====	=====

The gross cost and accumulated depreciation balances at December 31, 1994 have declined from December 31, 1993 due to the Company's elimination of all fully depreciated assets no longer utilized in operations.

Depreciation and amortization expense amounted to \$2,574,000, \$2,650,000, and \$2,132,000 for the years ended December 31, 1992, 1993, and 1994, respectively.

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NOTE 6 -- INTANGIBLES

Intangibles are comprised of the following:

	DECEMBER 31,		JUNE 30,
	1993	1994	1995
			(UNAUDITED)
	(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)		
Purchased customer accounts.....	\$27,118	\$26,999	\$28,691
Non-compete agreements.....	9,739	9,706	9,706
Goodwill.....	19,190	19,431	19,738
Purchased contract agreements.....	789	789	981
	56,836	56,925	59,116
Less accumulated amortization.....	20,922	23,952	26,044
	\$35,914	\$32,973	\$33,072
	=====	=====	=====

Amortization expense amounted to \$4,511,000, \$4,380,000, and \$4,266,000, for the years ended December 31, 1992, 1993 and 1994, respectively. Amortization expense for the six-month periods ended June 30, 1994 and 1995 was \$2,181,000 and \$2,091,000, respectively.

NOTE 7 -- LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	1993	1994
	(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)	
Long-term credit agreement.....	\$ 8,000	\$7,000
Bank term loans.....	7,821	189
Notes payable:		
Variable rate acquisition note payable.....	1,692	--
Notes from treasury stock purchases.....	1,883	1,662
Other acquisition notes payable.....	1,452	--
Other notes payable.....	21	13
	20,869	8,864
Less current portion.....	3,232	1,434
Long-term debt.....	\$17,637	\$7,430
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In 1991, the Company entered into a long-term credit agreement with a major insurance company that provided \$10 million at an interest rate equal to the prime lending rate plus 1% (9.5% at December 31, 1994). The amount of available credit decreases by \$1 million each August through the year 2001 when it will expire.

In 1993, the Company entered into a long-term credit facility with a national banking institution that consisted of two secured term loans aggregating \$7,500,000 and a \$2,000,000 unsecured short-term line of credit. Interest on the term loans was payable on a monthly basis at the LIBOR rate plus 2%. These term loans were repaid in November 1994. There were no borrowings against the unsecured line of credit during 1994 and during 1994 this line of credit agreement was terminated by the Company.

In November 1994, the Company entered into a revolving credit facility with a national banking institution which provides for available borrowing of up to \$10 million. Amounts outstanding are secured by all assets of the Company, subject to existing or permitted liens. Interest on this facility is based upon the LIBOR or the federal funds rate. A commitment fee is assessed in the amount of .25% per annum on the unused

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balance. During 1994 and as of December 31, 1994 and June 30, 1995, there were no borrowings against this line of credit.

The variable rate acquisition note payable was repaid in May 1994 including interest through that period.

Treasury stock notes payable are due to various individuals for the redemption of Brown & Brown, Inc. stock. These notes bear no interest and have maturities ranging from fiscal years ending 1997 to 2001. These notes have been discounted at effective yields ranging from 8.5% to 9.2% for consolidated financial statement presentation purposes.

Other acquisition notes payable, including interest ranging from 8% to 9%, were repaid in 1994. Additional obligations were incurred in the six-month period ended June 30, 1995 in connection with acquisitions during that period.

Maturities of long-term debt as of December 31, 1994 for succeeding years are \$1,434,000 in 1995, \$1,266,000 in 1996, \$1,284,000 in 1997, \$1,233,000 in 1998, \$1,252,000 in 1999, and \$2,395,000 thereafter.

Interest expense included in the consolidated statements of income was \$2,064,000, \$1,765,000 and \$1,326,000 for the years ended December 31, 1992, 1993 and 1994, respectively.

NOTE 8 -- COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company and its subsidiaries lease office facilities and certain items of office equipment under noncancelable operating lease arrangements expiring on various dates through 2005. These occupancy leases generally contain renewal options and escalation clauses based on increases in the lessors' operating expenses and other charges. The Company anticipates that most of these leases will be renewed or replaced upon expiration. At December 31, 1994, the aggregate future minimum lease payments under all noncancelable lease agreements are as follows:

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,	(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)
-----	-----
1995.....	\$ 3,317
1996.....	2,675
1997.....	2,659
1998.....	2,474
1999.....	2,542
Thereafter.....	10,334

Total future minimum lease payments.....	\$24,001
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Rental expense in 1992, 1993, and 1994 for operating leases totaled \$4,879,000, \$4,594,000 and \$4,269,000, respectively. The 1993 rental expense amount includes \$676,000 of direct costs related to the termination of a certain lease.

The Company is not a party to any legal proceedings other than various claims and lawsuits arising in the normal course of business. Management of the Company does not believe that any such claims or lawsuits will have a material effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

NOTE 9 -- INCOME TAXES

Effective January 1, 1993, the Company changed its method of accounting for income taxes from the deferred method to the liability method required by Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." As permitted under these new rules, the prior years' consolidated financial statements have not been restated for the effects of this Statement. The cumulative effect of adopting Statement No. 109 as of January 1, 1993 was to increase net income by \$119,000.

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At December 31, 1994, the Company had net operating loss carryforwards of \$850,000 for income tax reporting purposes that expire in the years 1996 through 2002. These carryforwards were derived from agency acquisitions by the Company beginning in 1985. For financial reporting purposes, a valuation allowance of \$38,000 has been recognized to offset the deferred tax assets related to these carryforwards.

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the corresponding amounts used for income tax reporting purposes. Significant components of the Company's deferred tax liabilities and assets as of December 31 are as follows:

	1993	1994
	-----	-----
	(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)	
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Fixed assets.....	\$ 512	\$ 444
Net unrealized appreciation of available-for-sale securities...	--	3,344
Installment sales.....	405	296
Prepaid insurance and pension.....	350	666
Intangible assets.....	281	628
General tax reserves.....	1,900	800
Other.....	312	239
	-----	-----
Total deferred tax liabilities.....	3,760	6,417
	-----	-----
Deferred tax assets:		
Deferred compensation.....	889	1,062
Accruals and reserves.....	1,221	1,250
Net operating loss carryforwards.....	316	327
Other.....	49	38
	-----	-----
Total deferred tax assets.....	2,475	2,677
Valuation allowance for deferred tax assets.....	38	38
	-----	-----
Net deferred tax assets.....	2,437	2,639
	-----	-----
Net deferred tax liabilities.....	\$1,323	\$3,778
	=====	=====

Significant components of the provision for income taxes attributable to continuing operations are as follows:

	1992	1993	1994
	-----	-----	-----
	DEFERRED METHOD	LIABILITY METHOD	
	-----	-----	-----
Current:			
Federal.....	\$ 3,087	\$3,728	\$ 7,237
State.....	577	702	1,003
	-----	-----	-----
Total current provision.....	3,664	4,430	8,240
	-----	-----	-----
Deferred:			
Federal.....	454	419	(1,076)
State.....	62	80	(97)
	-----	-----	-----
Total deferred provision (benefit).....	516	499	(1,173)
	-----	-----	-----
Total tax provision.....	\$ 4,180	\$4,929	\$ 7,067
	=====	=====	=====

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The components of the provision for deferred income taxes for the year ended December 31, 1992 as determined under the deferred method are as follows (in thousands of dollars):

Amortization.....	\$ 225
Accrued commissions.....	(342)
Other items, net.....	633

	\$ 516
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A reconciliation of the differences between the effective tax rate and the federal statutory tax rate on income from continuing operations is as follows:

	1992	1993	1994
	----- DEFERRED METHOD -----	---- LIABILITY METHOD ----	----
Federal statutory tax rate.....	34.0%	34.2%	35.0%
State income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit.....	4.3	3.6	2.8
Interest exempt from taxation and dividend exclusion.....	(0.8)	0.3	(0.3)
Non-deductible goodwill amortization.....	1.8	1.2	.7
Internal Revenue Service examination.....	10.9	--	(3.4)
Other, net.....	.1	(0.9)	(.5)
	-----	-----	-----
Effective tax rate.....	50.3%	37.8%	34.3%
	=====	=====	=====

Income taxes payable as of December 31, 1993 were \$652,000 and were reported as a component of accounts payable and accrued expenses. Income taxes receivable as of December 31, 1994 were \$894,000 and are reported as a component of other current assets.

In 1992, the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") completed examinations of the Company's federal income tax returns for the tax years 1988, 1989, and 1990. As a result of their examinations, the IRS issued Reports of Proposed Adjustments asserting income tax deficiencies which, by including interest and state income taxes for the periods examined and the Company's estimates of similar adjustments for subsequent periods through December 31, 1993, would total \$6,100,000. The disputed items related primarily to the deductibility of amortization of purchased customer accounts of approximately \$5,107,000 and non-compete agreements of approximately \$993,000. In addition, the IRS's report included a dispute regarding the time at which the Company's payments made pursuant to certain indemnity agreements would be deductible for tax reporting purposes. During 1994, the Company was able to reach a settlement agreement with the IRS with respect to certain of the disputed amortization items and the indemnity agreement payment issue. This settlement reduced the total remaining asserted income tax deficiencies to approximately \$2,800,000 as of December 31, 1994. Based on this settlement, after taking into consideration a \$400,000 reduction of the Company's tax reserve resulting from payments under the partial settlement agreement, during 1994 the Company recorded a \$700,000 adjustment to decrease the originally established reserves of \$1,900,000. This decrease has been recorded as a reduction to the current income tax provision for the year ended December 31, 1994.

In March 1995, the Company reached a settlement agreement with the IRS with respect to the remaining disputed items. Based upon this settlement and after taking into consideration a \$250,000 reduction in the Company's general tax reserves resulting from current and expected payments under the settlement agreement, the Company recorded a \$450,000 adjustment to decrease tax reserves in the six-month period ended June 30, 1995 with a corresponding reduction in the income tax provision.

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NOTE 10 -- EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLANS

The Company maintains a defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all previous Poe & Associates, Inc. employees with one or more years of service. The benefits are based on years of service and compensation during the period of employment. Annual contributions are made in conformance with minimum funding requirements and maximum deductible limitations.

The plan's funded status and amounts recognized in the Company's consolidated balance sheets are as follows:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	1993	1994
	(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)	
Actuarial present value of benefit obligations:		
Accumulated benefit obligations, including vested benefits of \$3,559 in 1993 and \$3,642 in 1994.....	\$(3,773)	\$(3,793)
Projected benefit obligations for service rendered to date.....	\$(3,943)	\$(3,808)
Plan assets at fair value, principally consisting of a group annuity contract.....	3,757	3,787
Excess of projected benefit obligations over plan assets.....	(186)	(21)
Unrecognized net excess of plan assets under previously accrued but unfunded pension costs, to be amortized.....	425	583
Net prepaid pension costs.....	\$ 239	\$ 562

The following assumptions were used in determining the actuarial present value of the benefit obligations and pension costs:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	1992	1993	1994
Discount rate.....	8.75%	7.5%	7.5%
Long-term rate for compensation increase.....	5.0%	3.5%	3.5%
Long-term rate of return on plan assets.....	8.5%	8.0%	8.0%

Pension costs included in the Company's consolidated statements of income are comprised of the following:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	1992	1993	1994
	(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)		
Service cost.....	\$ 204	\$ 221	\$ 91
Interest cost.....	191	232	304
Actual return on assets.....	(230)	(284)	113
Net amortization and deferral.....	(89)	(39)	(407)
Net pension cost.....	\$ 76	\$ 130	\$ 101

During 1994, the defined benefit pension plan was converted to a cash balance plan. The impact of this change on the plan costs and plan liabilities was not material.

The Company has an Employee Stock Purchase program under which all eligible employees may subscribe to its common shares at 85% of the lesser of the market value of such shares at the beginning or the end of the subscription period. Payment is made through payroll deductions, not to exceed 10% of base pay,

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over a 12-month period and shares are issued at the end of the purchase period. At December 31, 1994, a total of 2,502 shares of common stock were authorized and reserved for future issuance relating to this program.

The Company has a Deferred Savings and Profit Sharing Plan (401(k)) covering substantially all employees with one year of service. Under this plan, the Company makes matching contributions equal to the participants' contributions, subject to a maximum of 2.5% of the participant's salary, and also provides for a discretionary profit sharing contribution for all eligible employees. The Company's contributions to the plan totaled \$857,000 in 1992, \$1,085,000 in 1993 and \$1,208,000 in 1994.

NOTE 11 -- STOCK OPTION PLANS

The Company has adopted stock option plans which provide for the granting to key employees options to purchase shares of its common stock. The following schedule summarizes the transactions from 1992 through 1994 pertaining to these plans:

	NUMBER OF SHARES	PER SHARE OPTION PRICE	
	-----	-----	-----
Outstanding, January 1, 1992.....	392,554	\$ 3.40	-- \$ 9.67
Granted.....	10,000	14.75	
Exercised.....	(71,874)	3.40	-- 9.40
Canceled.....	(31,040)	6.00	-- 7.60

Outstanding, December 31, 1992.....	299,640	6.00	-- 14.75
Granted.....	--		
Exercised.....	(129,462)	6.00	-- 9.45
Canceled.....	(9,936)	7.60	

Outstanding, December 31, 1993.....	160,242	6.00	-- 14.75
Granted.....	--		
Exercised.....	(65,173)	6.00	-- 14.75
Canceled.....	(8,689)	7.60	-- 14.75

Outstanding, December 31, 1994.....	86,380	\$ 7.60	
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All options outstanding as of December 31, 1994 are exercisable. At December 31, 1994, a total of 285,745 shares of common stock were reserved for future issuance relating to these plans.

NOTE 12 -- SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The Company's significant non-cash investing and financing activities and cash payments for interest and income taxes are as follows:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	1992	1993	1994
	-----	-----	-----
	(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)		
Unrealized appreciation of available-for-sale securities net of tax effect of \$3,344.....	\$ --	\$ --	\$5,341
Notes payable issued for purchased customer accounts.....	3,206	3,862	--
Notes received on the sale of fixed assets and customer accounts.....	649	1,532	266
Notes payable issued on purchases and retirement of stock....	1,094	--	--
Cash paid during the year for:			
Interest.....	1,912	1,944	1,462
Income taxes.....	4,298	3,978	9,597

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NOTE 13 -- BUSINESS CONCENTRATIONS

Substantially all of the Company's premiums receivable from customers and premiums payable to insurance companies arise from policies sold on behalf of insurance companies. The Company, as agent, typically collects premiums, retains its commission and remits the balance to the insurance companies. A significant portion of business written by the Company is for customers located in Florida. Accordingly, the occurrence of adverse economic conditions or an adverse regulatory climate in Florida could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, although no such conditions have been encountered in the past.

For the years ended December 31, 1993 and 1994, approximately 21% and 22%, respectively, of the Company's total revenues are from insurance policies underwritten by one insurance company. Should this carrier seek to terminate its arrangement with the Company, the Company believes alternative insurance companies are available to underwrite the business, although some additional expenses and loss of market share would at least initially result. No other insurance company accounts for as much as five percent of the Company's revenues.

NOTE 14 -- REINSURANCE INDEMNITY

Whiting National Insurance Company ("Whiting"), the Company's risk-bearing subsidiary, ceased underwriting operations in early 1985 and in 1988 entered into liquidation by the New York State Insurance Department (the "Department"). Since then, the handling of Whiting's affairs has been the responsibility of the Department.

In 1979, the Company agreed to indemnify a ceding insurer should Whiting fail to perform under a reinsurance contract. As a result, the Company is directly responsible for the management and adjudication of claims outstanding under that indemnification contract. The Company had historically estimated that certain recoveries related to the indemnity were available to it from the Whiting liquidation. While none of the underlying facts or operations of law as to the Company's rights or creditor priority had changed, the liquidation activities proceeded more slowly than anticipated, making realization of those recoveries uncertain. As a result, in 1992 those estimated recoveries were written off and reserves associated with the underlying indemnity obligation were bolstered because of adverse loss developments. These adjustments have been reported as discontinued operations in the 1992 consolidated statement of income.

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NOTE 15 -- QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

The Company's 1992, 1993 and 1994 quarterly operating results have not been reviewed by the Company's independent certified public accountants.

	REVENUE	NET INCOME (LOSS)		CASH DIVIDENDS PER SHARE	STOCK PRICE RANGE	
		AMOUNT	PER SHARE		HIGH	LOW
(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)						
1992(1)						
First quarter.....	\$ 23,889	\$ 2,107	\$ 0.25	\$0.10	\$15.75 --	\$ 11.50
Second quarter.....	20,503	694	0.09	0.10	16.00 --	13.50
Third quarter.....	22,942	1,293	0.15	0.10	14.00 --	11.25
Fourth quarter(2).....	24,174	(1,536)	(0.19)	0.10	17.00 --	12.75
	-----	-----	-----	-----		
	\$ 91,508	\$ 2,558	\$ 0.30	\$0.40		
	=====	=====	=====	=====		
1993(1)						
First quarter.....	\$ 24,706	\$ 2,208	\$ 0.26	\$0.10	\$19.00 --	\$ 16.00
Second quarter(3).....	23,323	662	0.08	0.10	21.25 --	17.25
Third quarter.....	25,320	2,503	0.30	0.10	20.00 --	18.25
Fourth quarter.....	24,472	2,745	0.31	0.10	20.25 --	16.87
	-----	-----	-----	-----		
	\$ 97,821	\$ 8,118	\$ 0.95	\$0.40		
	=====	=====	=====	=====		
1994(1)						
First quarter(4).....	\$ 28,529	\$ 4,625	\$ 0.54	\$0.10	\$19.50 --	\$ 17.63
Second quarter.....	23,334	2,018	0.23	0.10	20.50 --	18.25
Third quarter(5).....	25,039	3,577	0.41	0.10	22.75 --	19.75
Fourth quarter.....	24,678	3,299	0.38	0.12	21.75 --	19.50
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	\$101,580	\$13,519	\$ 1.56	\$0.42		
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- (1) Quarterly financial information is affected by seasonal variations. The timing of contingent commissions, policy renewals and acquisitions may cause revenues, expenses and net income to vary significantly between quarters.
 - (2) Fourth quarter 1992 includes loss from discontinued operations of \$1,580,000 or \$0.30 per share. Fourth quarter net income (loss) also includes expenses of \$2,147,000, or \$0.26 per share, from charges associated with certain costs and uncollectible receivables arising from purchase acquisitions, costs related to the merger involving Brown, and additions to income tax reserves.
 - (3) Second quarter 1993 net income increased \$818,000 from the sale of certain insurance accounts and other assets, and decreased \$1,151,000 due to merger-related combination costs.
 - (4) First quarter 1994 net income increased \$1,342,000, or \$0.16 per share, from the sale of a portion of the Company's investment in Rock-Tenn Company (see Note 1).
 - (5) Third quarter 1994 net income increased \$700,000, or \$0.08 per share, due to the reduction in general tax reserves (See note 9).

 NO DEALER, SALESPERSON OR ANY OTHER PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFER CONTAINED HEREIN, AND, IF GIVEN OR MADE, SUCH INFORMATION OR REPRESENTATIONS MUST NOT BE RELIED UPON AS HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE COMPANY OR BY ANY OF THE UNDERWRITERS. THIS PROSPECTUS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER OF ANY SECURITIES OTHER THAN THOSE TO WHICH IT RELATES OR AN OFFER TO SELL, OR A SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY, THOSE TO WHICH IT RELATES IN ANY STATE TO ANY PERSON TO WHOM IT IS NOT LAWFUL TO MAKE SUCH OFFER IN SUCH STATE. THE DELIVERY OF THIS PROSPECTUS AT ANY TIME DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE INFORMATION HEREIN IS CORRECT AS OF ANY TIME SUBSEQUENT TO ITS DATE.

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 1,425,000 SHARES

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COMMON STOCK
 LOGO

PROSPECTUS

, 1995

 SMITH BARNEY INC.

THE ROBINSON-HUMPHREY
 COMPANY, INC.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION.(1)

Registration fees -- Securities and Exchange Commission.....	\$ 13,562
NASD filing fee.....	4,413
Legal fees and expenses.....	100,000*
Accounting fees and expenses.....	100,000*
Printing and engraving expenses.....	45,000*
Blue Sky fees and expenses.....	12,000*
Transfer Agent's fees and expenses.....	1,500*
Miscellaneous.....	48,525*

Total.....	\$325,000*
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* Estimated

(1) Half of these fees and expenses will be paid by the Company and half, pro rata, by the Selling Shareholders.

ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

The Company is a Florida corporation. Reference is made to Section 607.0850 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, which permits, and in some cases requires, indemnification of directors, officers, employees, and agents of the Company under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations.

Under Article VII of the Company's Bylaws, the Company is required to indemnify its officers and directors, and officers and directors of certain other corporations serving as such at the request of the Company, against all costs and liabilities incurred by such persons by reason of their having been an officer or director of the Company or such other corporation, provided that such indemnification shall not apply with respect to any matter as to which such officer or director shall be finally adjudged to have been individually guilty of gross negligence or willful malfeasance in the performance of his or her duty as a director or officer, and provided further that the indemnification shall, with respect to any settlement of any suit, proceeding, or claim, include reimbursement of any amounts paid and expenses reasonably incurred in settling any such suit, proceeding, or claim when, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, such settlement and reimbursement appeared to be for the best interests of the Company.

The Company has entered into an indemnification agreement with certain members of its Board of Directors. The agreements create certain indemnification obligations of the Company in favor of such persons in connection with their service as directors and, as permitted by applicable law, clarify and expand the circumstances under which such persons will be indemnified.

The underwriters also will agree to indemnify the directors and officers of the Company against certain liabilities as set forth in Section 8 of the Underwriting Agreement (see Exhibit 1).

The Company has purchased insurance with respect to, among other things, any liabilities that may arise under the statutory provisions referred to above.

ITEM 16. EXHIBITS.

The exhibits constituting part of this Registration Statement are as follows:

- 1 -- Form of Underwriting Agreement
- 5 -- Opinion of Holland & Knight
- 23.1 -- Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
- 23.2 -- Consent of Holland & Knight (contained in Exhibit 5)
- 24.1 -- Powers of Attorney pursuant to which this Registration Statement has been signed on behalf of certain directors and officers
- 24.2 -- Resolutions of the Board of Directors, certified by the Secretary of the Company

ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS.

The Company hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of any employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers, and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in said Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Company in the successful defense of any action, suit, or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Company will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in said Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

(1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in the form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Tampa, State of Florida on August 4, 1995.

POE & BROWN, INC.

By: /s/ J. HYATT BROWN*

 J. Hyatt Brown,
 President and Chief Executive
 Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ J. HYATT BROWN*	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)	August 4, 1995
----- J. Hyatt Brown		
/s/ TIMOTHY L. YOUNG	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer (principal financial and accounting officer)	August 4, 1995
----- Timothy L. Young		
/s/ SAMUEL P. BELL, III*	Director	August 4, 1995
----- Samuel P. Bell, III		
/s/ BRUCE G. GEER*	Director	August 4, 1995
----- Bruce G. Geer		
/s/ JIM W. HENDERSON*	Director	August 4, 1995
----- Jim W. Henderson		
/s/ KENNETH E. HILL*	Director	August 4, 1995
----- Kenneth E. Hill		
/s/ THEODORE J. HOEPNER*	Director	August 4, 1995
----- Theodore J. Hoepner		
/s/ CHARLES W. POE*	Director	August 4, 1995
----- Charles W. Poe		
/s/ WILLIAM F. POE, SR.*	Director	August 4, 1995
----- William F. Poe, Sr.		
/s/ WILLIAM F. POE, JR.*	Director	August 4, 1995
----- William F. Poe, Jr.		
*By: /s/ LAUREL J. LENFESTEY		August 4, 1995
----- Laurel J. Lenfestey, Attorney-in-fact		

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POE & BROWN, INC.

COMMON STOCK

 UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

August , 1995

THE ROBINSON-HUMPHREY COMPANY, INC.
 SMITH BARNEY INC.

As representatives of the several
 Underwriters named in Schedule II hereto,
 c/o The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc.
 3333 Peachtree Road, N.E.
 Atlanta, Georgia 30326

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The shareholders of Poe & Brown, Inc., a Florida corporation (the "Company"), listed on Schedule I hereto (the "Selling Shareholders") propose, subject to the terms and conditions stated herein, to issue and sell to the Underwriters named in Schedule II hereto (the "Underwriters") an aggregate of 1,425,000 shares of common stock, \$.10 par value per share ("Common Stock"), of the Company (the "Firm Shares"), and, at the election of the Underwriters, subject to the terms and conditions stated herein, to sell to the Underwriters up to 213,750 additional shares of Common Stock (the "Optional Shares") (the Firm Shares and the Optional Shares that the Underwriters elect to purchase pursuant to Section 2 hereof are collectively called the "Shares").

1. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. (a) The Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with, each of the Underwriters that:

(1) A registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 33-) with respect to the Shares, including a prospectus subject to completion, has been filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and one or more amendments to such registration statement may have been so filed. After the execution of this Agreement, the Company will file with the Commission either (i) if such registration statement, as it may have been amended, has become effective under the Act and information has been omitted therefrom in accordance with Rule 430A under the Act, either (A) if the Company relies on Rule 434 under the Act, a term sheet relating to the shares that shall identify the preliminary prospectus that it supplements containing such information as is required or permitted by Rules 434, 430A and 424(b) under the Act or (B) if the Company does not rely on Rule 434 under the Act, a prospectus in the form most recently included in an amendment to such registration statement (or, if no such amendment shall have been filed, in such registration statement) with such changes or insertions as are required by Rule 430A or permitted by Rule 424(b) under the Act and as have been provided to and approved by you, or (ii) if such registration statement, as it may have been amended, has not become effective under the Act, an amendment to such registration statement, including a form of prospectus, a copy of which amendment has been provided to and approved by you prior to the execution of this Agreement. The Company may also file a related registration statement with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Act for the purpose of registering certain additional shares of Common Stock, which registration statement will be effective upon filing with the Commission. As used in this Agreement, the term "Registration Statement" means such registration statement, as amended at the time when it was or is declared effective, including all financial statement schedules and exhibits thereto, documents incorporated by reference in the prospectus included in the registration at the time such

registration statement became effective and any information omitted therefrom pursuant to Rule 430A under the Act and included in the Prospectus (as hereinafter defined); the term "Preliminary Prospectus" means each prospectus subject to completion included in such registration statement or any amendment or post-effective amendment thereto (including the prospectus subject to completion, if any, included in the Registration Statement at the time it was or is declared effective) and all documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the Act, as of the date of each such Preliminary Prospectus; the term "Prospectus" means (A) if the Company relies on Rule 434 of the Act, the Term Sheet (as hereinafter defined) relating to the Shares that is first filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(7) of the Act, together with the Preliminary Prospectus identified therein that such Term Sheet supplements, (B) if the Company does not rely on Rule 434 of the Act, the prospectus first filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act or (C) if no prospectus is required to be so filed, such term means the prospectus included in the Registration Statement; in each case including all documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the Act, as of the date of the Prospectus; the term "462(b) Registration Statement" means any registration statement filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Act (including the Registration Statement and any Preliminary Prospectus or Prospectus incorporated therein at the time such registration statement becomes effective); and the term "Term Sheet" means any term sheet that satisfies the requirements of Rule 434 of the Act. Any reference to the "date" of a Prospectus that includes a Term Sheet shall mean the date of such Term Sheet. For purposes of the following representations and warranties, to the extent reference is made to the Prospectus and at the relevant time the Prospectus is not yet in existence, such reference shall be deemed to be to the most recent Preliminary Prospectus.

(2) No order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus has been issued and no proceeding for that purpose has been instituted or threatened by the Commission or the securities authority of any state or other jurisdiction. If the Registration Statement or any 462(b) Registration Statement, respectively, has become effective under the Act, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any 462(b) Registration Statement, respectively, or any part thereof has been issued and no proceeding for that purpose has been instituted or threatened or, to the best knowledge of the Company, contemplated by the Commission or the securities authority of any state or other jurisdiction.

(3) When any Preliminary Prospectus was filed with the Commission it (i) contained all statements required to be stated therein in accordance with, and complied in all material respects with the requirements of, the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and (ii) did not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. When the Registration Statement or any 462(b) Registration Statement, respectively, or any amendment thereto was or is declared effective, and at each Time of Delivery (as hereinafter defined), it (i) contained or will contain all statements required to be stated therein in accordance with, and complied or will comply in all material respects with the requirements of, the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and (ii) did not or will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. When (A) the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto is filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) (or, if the Prospectus or such amendment or supplement is not required to be so filed, when the Registration Statement or the amendment thereto containing such amendment or supplement to the Prospectus was or is declared effective) or (B) any Term Sheet that is a part of the Prospectus is filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 434, and at each Time of Delivery, the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented at any such time, (i) contained or will contain all statements required to be stated therein in accordance with, and complied or will comply in all material respects with the requirements of, the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and (ii) did not or will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The foregoing provisions of this paragraph (3) do not apply to statements or omissions made in any Preliminary Prospectus, the Registration Statement or any amendment thereto, the Prospectus or any

amendment or supplement thereto, any Term Sheet or any 462(b) Registration Statement in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through you specifically for use therein.

(4) The documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus when they were filed with the Commission conformed in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, and none of such documents contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; and any further document so filed and incorporated by reference in the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, when such documents are filed with the Commission, will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; provided, however, that this representation and warranty shall not apply to any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by an Underwriter through you expressly for use therein.

(5) The descriptions in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus of statutes, legal and governmental proceedings or contracts and other documents are accurate and fairly present the information required to be shown; and there are no statutes or legal or governmental proceedings required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus that are not described as required and no contracts or documents of a character that are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement that are not described and filed as required.

(6) Each of the Company and its subsidiaries has been duly incorporated, is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation and has full power and authority (corporate and other) to own or lease its properties and conduct its business as described in the Prospectus. The Company has full power and authority (corporate and other) to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder. Each of the Company and its subsidiaries is duly qualified to transact business as a foreign corporation and is in good standing under the laws of each other jurisdiction in which it owns or leases properties, or conducts any business, so as to require such qualification, except where the failure to so qualify would not have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or business of the Company and its subsidiaries.

(7) The Company's authorized, issued and outstanding capital stock is as disclosed in the Prospectus. All of the issued shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable and conform to the description of the Common Stock incorporated by reference in the Prospectus. None of the issued shares of capital stock of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has been issued or is owned or held in violation of any preemptive rights of shareholders, and no person or entity (including any holder of outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company or its subsidiaries) has any preemptive or other rights to subscribe for any of the Shares.

(8) All of the issued shares of capital stock of each of the Company's subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable and all of the issued shares of capital stock of the Company's subsidiaries are owned beneficially by the Company free and clear of all liens, security interests, pledges, charges, encumbrances, defects, shareholders' agreements, voting trusts, equities or claims of any nature whatsoever, except as disclosed in or incorporated by reference in the Prospectus. Other than wholly owned subsidiaries or as disclosed in the Prospectus, the Company does not own, directly or indirectly, any material capital stock or other equity securities of any other corporation or any ownership interest in any partnership, joint venture or other association.

(9) Except as disclosed in the Prospectus, there are no outstanding (i) securities or obligations of the Company or any of its subsidiaries convertible into or exchangeable for any capital stock of the Company or any such subsidiary, (ii) warrants, rights or options to subscribe for or purchase from the Company or any such subsidiary any such capital stock or any such convertible or exchangeable securities

or obligations, or (iii) obligations of the Company or any such subsidiary to issue any shares of capital stock, any such convertible or exchangeable securities or obligations, or any such warrants, rights or options.

(10) Since the date of the most recent audited financial statements included in the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has sustained any material loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree, otherwise than as disclosed in or contemplated by the Prospectus.

(11) Except as disclosed in the Prospectus, since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, any 462(b) Registration Statement and the Prospectus, (i) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has incurred any liabilities or obligations, direct or contingent, or entered into any transactions, not in the ordinary course of business, that are material to the Company and its subsidiaries, (ii) the Company has not purchased any of its outstanding capital stock or declared, paid or otherwise made any dividend or distribution of any kind on its capital stock (except a purchase of 36,000 shares of Common Stock), (iii) there has not been any change in the capital stock, long-term debt or short-term debt of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (iv) there has not been any material decrease in commission and fee revenues earned as compared to the comparable period in the immediately preceding quarter, and (v) there has not been any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the financial position, results of operations or business of the Company and its subsidiaries, in each case other than as disclosed in or contemplated by the Prospectus.

(12) The certificates evidencing the Shares comply with all applicable requirements of Florida law.

(13) There are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person (except the Selling Shareholders), granting such person the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Act with respect to any securities of the Company owned or to be owned by such person or to require the Company to include such securities in the securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement (or any such right has been effectively waived) or any securities being registered pursuant to any other registration statement filed by the Company under the Act.

(14) All offers and sales of the Company's capital stock prior to the date hereof were at all relevant times duly registered under the Act or exempt from the registration requirements of the Act by reason of Sections 3(b), 4(2) or 4(6) thereof and were duly registered or the subject of an available exemption from the registration requirements of the applicable state securities or blue sky laws.

(15) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is, or with the giving of notice or passage of time or both would be, in violation of its Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws or in default under any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which any of their respective properties or assets are subject.

(16) The issue and sale of the Shares and the performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions herein contemplated will not conflict with, or (with or without the giving of notice or the passage of time or both) result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which any of their respective properties or assets is subject, nor will such action conflict with or violate any provision of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any statute, rule or regulation or any order, judgment or decree of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or assets.

(17) The Company and its subsidiaries have good and marketable title in fee simple to all real property, if any, and good title to all personal property owned by them, in each case free and clear of all liens, security interests, pledges, charges, encumbrances, mortgages and defects, except as described in

the Prospectus, and except such as do not materially and adversely affect the value of such property and do not interfere with the use made or proposed to be made of such property by the Company and its subsidiaries; and any real property and buildings held under lease by the Company or any of its subsidiaries are held under valid, subsisting and enforceable leases, with such exceptions as are not material and do not interfere with the use made or proposed to be made of such property and buildings by the Company or such subsidiary.

(18) No consent, approval, authorization, order or declaration of or from, or registration, qualification or filing with, any court or governmental agency or body is required for the issue and sale of the Shares or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except (i) the registration of the Shares under the Act (which, if the Registration Statement is not effective as of the time of execution hereof, shall be obtained as provided in this Agreement) and (ii) such as may be required under state securities or blue sky laws in connection with the offer, sale and distribution of the Shares by the Underwriters.

(19) Other than as disclosed in the Prospectus, there is no litigation, arbitration, claim, proceeding (formal or informal) or investigation pending or threatened (or any basis therefor) in which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or of which any of their respective properties or assets are the subject which, if determined adversely to the Company or any such subsidiary, would individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or business of the Company and its subsidiaries. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is in violation of, or in default with respect to, any statute, rule, regulation, order, judgment or decree, except as described in the Prospectus or such as do not and will not individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or business of the Company and its subsidiaries, and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is required to take any action in order to avoid any such violation or default.

(20) Ernst & Young LLP, who has certified certain financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, is, and were during the periods covered by its reports included in the Registration Statement, any 462(b) Registration Statement and the Prospectus, independent public accountants as required by the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

(21) The consolidated financial statements and schedules (including the related notes) of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included in the Registration Statement, any 462(b) Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any Preliminary Prospectus were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied throughout the periods involved and fairly present the financial position and results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, at the dates and for the periods presented. The selected financial data set forth under the caption "Selected Financial Data" in the Prospectus fairly present, on the basis stated in the Prospectus, the information included therein.

(22) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes the valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject, as to enforcement, to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization and moratorium laws and other laws relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and to general equitable principles and except as the enforceability of rights to indemnity and contribution under this Agreement may be limited under applicable securities laws or the public policy underlying such laws.

(23) Neither the Company nor any of its officers, directors or affiliates has (i) taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or result in, or that has constituted or might reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares or (ii) since the filing of the Registration Statement (A) sold, bid for, purchased or paid anyone any compensation for soliciting purchases of, the Shares or (B) paid or agreed to pay to any person any compensation for soliciting another to purchase any other securities of the Company.

(24) The Company has obtained for the benefit of the Company and the Underwriters from each of its directors and officers and each Selling Shareholder a written agreement that for a period of 180 days (or 90 days, in the case of directors and officers of the Company other than J. Hyatt Brown and Selling Shareholders) from the date of the Prospectus such director, officer or Selling Shareholder will not, without your prior written consent, offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, grant any option for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of (or announce any offer, pledge, sale, grant of an option to purchase or other disposition), directly or indirectly, any shares of Common Stock or securities convertible into, or exercisable or exchangeable for, shares of Common Stock.

(25) Neither the Company, any of its subsidiaries, nor any director, officer, agent, employee or other person associated with or acting on behalf of the Company or any such subsidiary has, directly or indirectly: used any corporate funds for unlawful contributions, gifts, entertainment or other unlawful expenses relating to political activity; made any unlawful payment to foreign or domestic government officials or employees or to foreign or domestic political parties or campaigns from corporate funds; violated any provision of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended; or made any bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful payment.

(26) The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries with respect to any real property currently leased or owned or by any means controlled by the Company or any subsidiary (the "Real Property") are in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations relating to occupational health and safety and the environment (collectively, "Laws"), and the Company and its subsidiaries have all licenses, permits and authorizations necessary to operate under all Laws and are in compliance with all terms and conditions of such licenses, permits and authorizations; neither the Company nor any subsidiary has authorized, conducted or has knowledge of the generation, transportation, storage, use, treatment, disposal or release of any hazardous substance, hazardous waste, hazardous material, hazardous constituent, toxic substance, pollutant, contaminant, petroleum product, natural gas, liquefied gas or synthetic gas defined or regulated under any environmental law on, in or under any Real Property; and there is no pending or threatened claim, litigation or any administrative agency proceeding, nor has the Company or any subsidiary received any written or oral notice from any governmental entity or third party, that: (i) alleges a violation of any Laws by the Company or any subsidiary; (ii) alleges the Company or any subsidiary is a liable party under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq. or any state superfund law; (iii) alleges possible contamination of the environment by the Company or any subsidiary; or (iv) alleges possible contamination of the Real Property.

(27) The Company and each of its subsidiaries are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which they are engaged; and neither the Company nor any such subsidiary has any reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business at a comparable cost, except as disclosed in the Prospectus.

(28) The Company, its offices and insurance agents are duly licensed to conduct business, including the business of an insurance agent, under the laws of each jurisdiction in which the conduct of their business requires such licensing, and there is no pending or threatened action, suit, proceeding or investigation that may lead to the revocation, termination or suspension of any such license, which would have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or business of the Company and its subsidiaries.

(29) Each of the Company and its subsidiaries makes and keeps accurate books and records reflecting its assets and maintains internal accounting controls which provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain accountability for the assets of the Company, (iii) access to the assets of the Company and each of its subsidiaries is permitted only in

accordance with management's authorization, and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets of the Company and each of its subsidiaries is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.

(30) The Company and its subsidiaries have filed all foreign, federal, state and local tax returns that are required to be filed by them and have paid all taxes shown as due on such returns as well as all other taxes, assessments and governmental charges that are due and payable; and no deficiency with respect to any such return has been assessed or proposed.

(31) The Company is not, will not become as a result of the transactions contemplated hereby, and does not intend to conduct its business in a manner that would cause it to become, an "investment company" or a company "controlled" by an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(32) The Company has complied with all provisions of Florida Statutes, Section 517.075, relating to issuers doing business with Cuba.

(b) Each of the Selling Shareholders represents and warrants to, and agrees with, each of the Underwriters and the Company that:

(1) All consents, approvals, authorizations and orders necessary for the execution and delivery by such Selling Shareholder of this Agreement and the Custody Agreement and Durable Power of Attorney (the "Custody Agreement") hereinafter referred to, and for the sale and delivery of the Shares to be sold by such Selling Shareholder hereunder, have been obtained, and such Selling Shareholder has full right, power and authority to enter into this Agreement and the Custody Agreement and to sell, assign, transfer and deliver the Shares to be sold by such Selling Shareholder hereunder.

(2) The sale of the Shares to be sold by such Selling Shareholder hereunder and the performance of this Agreement and the Custody Agreement and the consummation of the transactions herein and therein contemplated will not result in a breach or violation of any of the terms of provisions of, or constitute a default under, any statute, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which such Selling Shareholder is a party to or by which such Selling Shareholder is bound, the declaration of trust of such Selling Shareholder if such Selling Shareholder is a trust, or any order, rule or regulation of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over such Selling Shareholder or the property of such Selling Shareholder.

(3) Such Selling Shareholder has, and immediately prior to each Time of Delivery (as defined in Section 4 hereof) such Selling Shareholder will have, good and valid title to the Shares to be sold by such Selling Shareholder hereunder, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims; and, upon delivery of such Shares and payment therefor pursuant thereto, good and valid title to such Shares, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims, will pass to the several Underwriters.

(4) No offering, sale or other disposition of any Common Stock will be made within 180 days after the date of the Prospectus, directly or indirectly, by such Selling Shareholder, otherwise than hereunder or with your written consent.

(5) Such Selling Shareholder has not taken and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action which is designed to or which has constituted or which might reasonably be expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares.

(6) To the extent that any statements or omissions made in the Registration Statement, any 462(b) Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus are made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Selling Shareholder expressly for use therein, such Preliminary Prospectus did, and the Registration Statement, any 462(b) Registration Statement and the Prospectus will, when they become effective or are filed with the Commission, as the case may be, conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and will not contain any untrue statement of a

material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

In order to document the Underwriters' compliance with the reporting and withholding provisions of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 with respect to the transactions herein contemplated, each of Selling Shareholders agrees to deliver to you prior to or at the First Time of Delivery (as defined in Section 4 hereof) a properly completed and executed United States Treasury Department Form W-9 (or other applicable form or statement specified by Treasury Department regulations in lieu thereof).

Each of the Selling Shareholders represents and warrants that certificates in negotiable form representing all of the Shares to be sold by such Selling Shareholder hereunder have been placed in custody under the Custody Agreement duly executed and delivered by such Selling Shareholder to Laurel J. Lenfestey and Timothy L. Young, as custodians (the "Custodians"), and appointing William F. Poe and Charles W. Poe as such Selling Shareholder's attorneys-in-fact (the "Attorneys-in-Fact") with authority to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of such Selling Shareholder, to determine the purchase price to be paid by the Underwriters to the Selling Shareholder hereunder and otherwise to act on behalf of such Selling Shareholder in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Each of the Selling Shareholders specifically agrees that the Shares represented by the certificates held in custody for such Selling Shareholder under the Custody Agreement are subject to the interests of the Underwriters hereunder, and that the arrangements made by such Selling Shareholder for such custody and the appointment by such Selling Shareholder of the Attorneys-in-Fact are to that extent irrevocable. Each of the Selling Shareholders specifically agrees that the obligations of the Selling Shareholders hereunder shall not be terminated by operation of law, whether by the death or incapacity of any individual Selling Shareholder or, in the case of an estate or trust, by the occurrence of any other event. If any individual Selling Shareholder or any such executor or trustee should die or become incapacitated, or if any such other event should occur before the delivery of the Shares hereunder, certificates representing the Shares shall be delivered by or on behalf of the Selling Shareholders in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and actions taken by the Attorneys-in-Fact pursuant to the Powers of Attorney shall be as valid as if such death, incapacity or other event had not occurred, regardless of whether or not the Custodians, the Attorneys-in-Fact, or any of them, shall have received notice of such death, incapacity or other event.

2. PURCHASE AND SALE OF SHARES. Subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, (a) each Selling Shareholder agrees to sell to each of the Underwriters, and each of the Underwriters agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from each Selling Shareholder, at a purchase price of \$ _____ per share, the number of Firm Shares set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in Schedule II hereto, and (b) in the event and to the extent that the Underwriters shall exercise the election to purchase Optional Shares as provided below, each Selling Shareholder agrees to sell to each of the Underwriters, and each of the Underwriters agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from each Selling Shareholder, at the purchase price per share set forth in clause (a) of this Section 2, that portion of the number of Optional Shares as to which such election shall have been exercised (to be adjusted by you so as to eliminate fractional shares) determined by multiplying such number of Optional Shares by a fraction, the numerator of which is the maximum number of Optional Shares that such Underwriter is entitled to purchase as set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in Schedule II hereto and the denominator of which is the maximum number of the Optional Shares that all of the Underwriters are entitled to purchase hereunder.

The Selling Shareholders, as and to the extent indicated in Schedule I hereto, hereby grant to the Underwriters the right to purchase at your election in whole or in part from time to time up to 213,750 Optional Shares, at the purchase price per share set forth in clause (a) in the paragraph above, for the sole purpose of covering over-allotments in the sale of Firm Shares. Any such election to purchase Optional Shares may be exercised by written notice from you to the Company and the Attorneys-in-Fact, given from time to time within a period of 30 calendar days after the date of this Agreement and setting forth the aggregate number of Optional Shares to be purchased and the date on which such Optional Shares are to be delivered, as determined by you but in no event earlier than the First Time of Delivery (as hereinafter defined) or, unless you, the Company and the Attorneys-in-Fact otherwise agree in writing, earlier than two or later than ten

business days after the date of such notice. In the event you elect to purchase all or a portion of the Optional Shares, the Company and the Selling Shareholders agree to furnish or cause to be furnished to you the certificates, letters and opinions, and to satisfy all conditions, set forth in Section 7 hereof at each Subsequent Time of Delivery (as hereinafter defined).

3. OFFERING BY THE UNDERWRITERS. Upon the authorization by you of the release of the Shares, the several Underwriters propose to offer the Shares for sale upon the terms and conditions disclosed in the Prospectus.

4. DELIVERY OF SHARES; CLOSING. Certificates in definitive form for the Shares to be purchased by each Underwriter hereunder, and in such denominations and registered in such names as The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc. may request upon at least 48 hours' prior notice to the Company and the Attorneys-in-Fact shall be delivered by or on behalf of the Selling Shareholders to you for the account of such Underwriter, against payment by such Underwriter or on its behalf of the purchase price therefor by official bank check or checks (payable in next day funds) drawn on an Atlanta, Georgia bank, payable to the order of the Custodians in next day available funds. The closing of the sale and purchase of the Shares shall be held at the offices of King & Spalding, 191 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, except that physical delivery of such certificates shall be made at the office of The Depository Trust Company, 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041. The time and date of such delivery and payment shall be, with respect to the Firm Shares, at 10:00 a.m., Atlanta time, on not later than the fourth full business day after the execution of this Agreement or at such other time and date as you and the Company and the Attorneys-in-Fact may agree upon in writing, and, with respect to the Optional Shares, at 10:00 a.m., Atlanta time, on the date specified by you in the written notice given by you of the Underwriters' election to purchase all or part of such Optional Shares, or at such other time and date as you, the Company and the Attorneys-in-Fact may agree upon in writing. Such time and date for delivery of the Firm Shares is herein called the "First Time of Delivery," such time and date for delivery of the Optional Shares, if not the First Time of Delivery, is herein called a "Subsequent Time of Delivery," and each such time and date for delivery is herein called a "Time of Delivery." Such certificates will be made available for checking and packaging at least 24 hours prior to each Time of Delivery at the office of the office of The Depository Trust Company, 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041 or at such other location in New York, New York specified by you in writing at least 48 hours prior to such Time of Delivery.

5. COVENANTS OF THE COMPANY. The Company covenants and agrees with each of the Underwriters:

(a) If the Registration Statement has been declared effective prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Company will file either (A) the Prospectus with the Commission pursuant to and in accordance with subparagraph (1) (or, if applicable and if consented to by you, subparagraph (4)) of Rule 424(b) or (B) a Term Sheet with the Commission pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 434 not later than the earlier of (i) the second business day following the execution and delivery of this Agreement or (ii) the fifteenth business day after the date on which the Registration Statement is declared effective. The Company will advise you promptly of any such filing pursuant to Rule 424(b) or Rule 434.

(b) The Company will not file with the Commission the Prospectus or the amendment referred to in the second sentence of Section 1(a)(1) hereof, any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus, any Term Sheet, any amendment to the Registration Statement or any 462(b) Registration Statement unless you have received a reasonable period of time to review any such proposed amendment or supplement and consented to the filing thereof and will use its best efforts to cause any such amendment to the Registration Statement to be declared effective as promptly as possible. Upon your request or counsel for the Underwriters, the Company will promptly prepare and file with the Commission, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission, any amendments to the Registration Statement or amendments or supplements to the Prospectus, any Term Sheet or any 462(b) Registration Statement that may be necessary or advisable in connection with the distribution of the Shares by the several Underwriters and will use its best efforts to cause any such amendment to the Registration Statement to be declared effective as promptly as possible. If required, the Company will file any amendment or

supplement to the Prospectus or any Term Sheet with the Commission in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b) and Rule 434, as applicable, under the Act. The Company will advise you, promptly after receiving notice thereof, of the time when the Registration Statement or any amendment thereto or any 462(b) Registration Statement has been filed or declared effective or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto has been filed and will provide evidence to you of each such filing or effectiveness.

(c) The Company will advise you promptly after receiving notice or obtaining knowledge of (i) the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any 462(b) Registration Statement or any part thereof or any order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, (ii) the suspension of the qualification of the Shares for offer or sale in any jurisdiction or of the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for any such purpose, or (iii) any request made by the Commission or any securities authority of any other jurisdiction for amending the Registration Statement or any 462(b) Registration Statement, for amending or supplementing the Prospectus or for additional information. The Company will use its best efforts to prevent the issuance of any such stop order and, if any such stop order is issued, to obtain the withdrawal thereof as promptly as possible.

(d) If the delivery of a prospectus relating to the Shares is required under the Act at any time prior to the expiration of 90 days after the date of the Prospectus and if at such time any events have occurred as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or if for any reason it is necessary during such same period to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with the Act or the rules and regulations thereunder, the Company will promptly notify you and upon your request (but at the Company's expense) prepare and file with the Commission an amendment or supplement to the Prospectus that corrects such statement or omission or effects such compliance and will furnish without charge to each Underwriter and to any dealer in securities as many copies of such amended or supplemented Prospectus as you may from time to time reasonably request. If the delivery of a prospectus relating to the Shares is required under the Act at any time 90 days or more after the date of the Prospectus, upon your request but at the expense of such Underwriter, the Company will prepare and deliver to such Underwriter as many copies as you may request of an amended or supplemented Prospectus complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the Act. Neither your consent to, nor the Underwriters' delivery of, any such amendment or supplement shall constitute a waiver of any of the conditions set forth in Section 7.

(e) The Company promptly from time to time will take such action as you may reasonably request to qualify the Shares for offering and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions as you may request and will continue such qualifications in effect for as long as may be necessary to complete the distribution of the Shares, provided that in connection therewith the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction.

(f) The Company will promptly provide you, upon your reasonable request, without charge, (i) three manually executed copies of the Registration Statement and any 462(b) Registration Statement as originally filed with the Commission and of each amendment thereto, (ii) for each other Underwriter a conformed copy of the Registration Statement and any 462(b) Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto, without exhibits, and (iii) so long as a prospectus relating to the Shares is required to be delivered under the Act, as many copies of each Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto as you may reasonably request.

(g) As soon as practicable, but in any event not later than the last day of the thirteenth month after the effective date of the Registration Statement, the Company will make generally available to its security holders an earnings statement of the Company and its subsidiaries, if any, covering a period of at least 12 months beginning after the effective date of the Registration Statement (which need not be audited) complying with Section 11(a) of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

(h) During the period beginning from the date hereof and continuing to and including the date 180 days after the date of the Prospectus, the Company will not, without your prior written consent, offer, pledge, issue, sell, contract to sell, grant any option for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of (or announce any offer, pledge, sale, grant of an option to purchase or other disposition), directly or indirectly, any shares of Common Stock or securities convertible into, exercisable or exchangeable for, shares of Common Stock, except as provided in Section 2 and except for the issuance of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options (including options granted under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan) or warrants outstanding on the date of this Agreement to the extent that such stock options or warrants are properly disclosed in the Prospectus.

(i) During a period of five years from the effective date of the Registration Statement, the Company will furnish to you and, upon request, to each of the other Underwriters, without charge, (i) copies of all reports or other communications (financial or other) furnished to shareholders, (ii) as soon as they are available, copies of any reports and financial statements furnished to or filed with the Commission or any national securities exchange, and (iii) such additional information concerning the business and financial condition of the Company and its subsidiaries, if any, as you may reasonably request.

(j) Neither the Company nor any of its officers, directors or affiliates will (i) take, directly or indirectly, prior to the termination of the underwriting syndicate contemplated by this Agreement, any action designed to cause or to result in, or that might reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of any of the Shares, (ii) sell, bid for, purchase or pay anyone any compensation for soliciting purchases of, the Shares or (iii) pay or agree to pay to any person any compensation for soliciting another to purchase any other securities of the Company.

(k) If at any time during the period beginning on the date the Registration Statement becomes effective and ending on the later of (i) the date 30 days after such effective date and (ii) the date that is the earlier of (A) the date on which the Company first files with the Commission a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q after such effective date and (B) the date on which the Company first issues a quarterly financial report to shareholders after such effective date, any publication or event relating to or affecting the Company shall occur as a result of which in your reasonable opinion the market price of the Common Stock has been or is likely to be materially affected (regardless of whether such publication or event necessitates an amendment of or supplement to the Prospectus), the Company will, after written notice from you advising the Company to the effect set forth above, forthwith prepare, consult with you concerning the substance of, and disseminate a press release or other public statement, reasonably satisfactory to you, responding to or commenting on such publication or event.

6. EXPENSES. The Company and the Selling Shareholders covenant and agree with one another and the Underwriters, whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated or this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 10 hereof, that (a) the Company and the Selling Shareholders will pay the following: (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the counsel for the Company and accountants in connection with the registration of the Shares under the Act and all other expenses in connection with the preparation, printing and, if applicable, filing of the Registration Statement (including all amendments thereto), any 462(b) Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus and any amendments and supplements thereto, this Agreement, any blue sky memoranda and any state insurance law memoranda; (ii) the delivery of copies of the foregoing documents to the Underwriters; (iii) the preparation, issuance and delivery to the Underwriters of any certificates evidencing the Shares, including transfer agent's and registrar's fees; (iv) the qualification of the Shares for offering and sale under state securities and blue sky laws, including filing fees and fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters or counsel for the Company, as the case may be, relating thereto; (v) the filing fees of the Commission and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. relating to the Shares; and (vi) any expenses for travel, lodging and meals incurred by the Selling Shareholders and the Company and any of its officers, directors and employees in connection with any meetings with prospective investors in the Shares; and (b) the Selling Shareholders will pay all costs and expenses incident to the performance of the Selling Shareholders' obligations hereunder which are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Section 6, including (i) any fees

and expenses of counsel for the Selling Shareholders; (ii) the fees and expenses of the Attorneys-in-Fact and the Custodians; and (iii) all expenses and taxes incident to the sale and delivery of the Shares to be sold by the Selling Shareholders to the Underwriters hereunder. It is understood, however, that, except as provided in this Section, Section 8 and Section 10 hereof, the Underwriters will pay all of their own costs and expenses, including the fees of their counsel, stock transfer taxes on resale of any of the Shares by them, and any advertising expenses relating to the offer and sale of the Shares.

7. CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERWRITERS' OBLIGATIONS. The obligations of the Underwriters hereunder to purchase and pay for the Shares to be delivered at each Time of Delivery shall be subject, in their discretion, to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company and the Selling Shareholders contained herein as of the date hereof and as of such Time of Delivery, to the accuracy of the statements of Company officers and the Selling Shareholders made pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Company of its covenants and agreements hereunder, and to the following additional conditions precedent:

(a) If the registration statement as amended to date has not become effective prior to the execution of this Agreement, such registration statement shall have been declared effective not later than 11:00 a.m., Atlanta time, on the date of this Agreement or such later date and/or time as shall have been consented to by you in writing. The Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto or a Term Sheet shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) or Rule 434, as applicable, within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing and in accordance with Section 5(a) of this Agreement; any 462(b) Registration Statement shall have been filed with the Commission and have become effective, and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any 462(b) Registration Statement, respectively, or any part thereof shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been instituted, threatened or, to the knowledge of the Company or you, contemplated by the Commission; and all requests for additional information on the part of the Commission shall have been complied with to your reasonable satisfaction.

(b) King & Spalding, counsel for the Underwriters, shall have furnished to you such opinion or opinions, dated such Time of Delivery, with respect to the incorporation of the Company, the validity of the Shares being delivered at such Time of Delivery, the Registration Statement and any 462(b) Registration Statement, the Prospectus, and other related matters as you may reasonably request, and the Company shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as they request for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon such matters. In rendering such opinion, such counsel may rely as to all matters of Florida law upon the opinion of Holland & Knight referred to in paragraph (c) below.

(c) You shall have received an opinion, dated such Time of Delivery, of Laurel J. Lenfestey, Esq. or Holland & Knight, counsel for the Company, in form and substance satisfactory to you and your counsel, to the effect that:

(i) The Company has been duly incorporated, is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation and has the corporate power and authority to own or lease its properties and conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and to enter into this Agreement and perform its obligations hereunder. The Company is duly qualified to transact business as a foreign corporation and is in good standing under the laws of each other jurisdiction in which it owns or leases property, or conducts any business, so as to require such qualification, except where the failure to so qualify would not have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or business of the Company and its subsidiaries.

(ii) Each of the subsidiaries of the Company has been duly incorporated, is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation and has the corporate power and authority to own or lease its properties and conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. Each such subsidiary is duly qualified to transact business as a foreign corporation and is in good standing under the laws of each other jurisdiction in which it owns or leases property, or conducts any business, so as to require such qualification, except where the failure to

so qualify would not have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or business of the Company and its subsidiaries.

(iii) The Company's authorized, issued and outstanding capital stock is as disclosed in the Prospectus. All of the issued shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable and conform to the description of the Common Stock contained in the Prospectus. None of the issued shares of capital stock of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has been issued or is owned or held in violation of any preemptive rights of shareholders, and no person or entity (including any holder of outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company or its subsidiaries) has any preemptive or other rights to subscribe for any of the Shares.

(iv) All of the issued shares of capital stock of each of the Company's subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable, and all of the shares of capital stock of the Company's subsidiaries are owned beneficially by the Company free and clear of all liens, security interests, pledges, charges, encumbrances, shareholders' agreements, voting trusts, defects, equities or claims of any nature whatsoever, except as disclosed in the Prospectus. To such counsel's knowledge, other than wholly owned subsidiaries, the Company does not own, directly or indirectly, any capital stock or other equity securities of any other corporation or any ownership interest in any partnership, joint venture or other association, except as disclosed in the Prospectus.

(v) Except as disclosed in the Prospectus, there are no outstanding (A) securities or obligations of the Company or any of its subsidiaries convertible into or exchangeable for any capital stock of the Company or any such subsidiary, (B) warrants, rights or options to subscribe for or purchase from the Company or any such subsidiary any such capital stock or any such convertible or exchangeable securities or obligations, or (C) obligations of the Company or any such subsidiary to issue any shares of capital stock, any such convertible or exchangeable securities or obligations, or any such warrants, rights or options.

(vi) The certificates evidencing the Shares comply with all applicable requirements of Florida law.

(vii) There are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person granting such person (other than the Selling Shareholders) the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Act with respect to any securities of the Company owned or to be owned by such person or to require the Company to include such securities in the securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement (or any such right has been effectively waived) or in any securities being registered pursuant to any other registration statement filed by the Company under the Act.

(viii) All offers and sales of the Company's capital stock subsequent to one year prior to the date hereof were at all relevant times duly registered under the Act or exempt from the registration requirements of the Act by reason of Sections 3(b), 4(2) or 4(6) thereof and were duly registered or the subject of an available exemption from the registration requirements of the applicable state securities or blue sky laws.

(ix) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is, or with the giving of notice or passage of time or both, would be, in violation of its Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws or in default under any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any such subsidiary is a party or to which any of their respective properties or assets is subject.

(x) The issue and sale of the Shares being issued at such Time of Delivery and the performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions herein contemplated will not conflict with, or (with or without the giving of notice or the passage of time or both) result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any such subsidiary is a party or to which any of their respective properties or assets is subject, nor will such action conflict with or violate any provision of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any statute, rule or regulation or any order, judgment or decree of any court or governmental agency or

body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or assets.

(xi) Any real property and buildings held under lease by the Company or any of its subsidiaries are held by the Company or such subsidiary under valid, subsisting and enforceable leases with such exceptions as are disclosed in the Prospectus or are not material and do not interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property and buildings by the Company or such subsidiary.

(xii) No consent, approval, authorization, order or declaration of or from, or registration, qualification or filing with, any court or governmental agency or body is required for the issue and sale of the Shares or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except (i) the registration of the Shares under the Act and (ii) such as may be required under state securities or blue sky laws in connection with the offer, sale and distribution of the Shares by the Underwriters.

(xiii) To such counsel's knowledge and other than as disclosed in or contemplated by the Prospectus, there is no litigation, arbitration, claim, proceeding (formal or informal) or investigation pending or threatened (or any basis therefor) in which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or of which any of their respective properties or assets is the subject which, if determined adversely to the Company or any such subsidiary, would individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or business of the Company and its subsidiaries; and, to such counsel's knowledge, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is in violation of, or in default with respect to, any statute, rule, regulation, order, judgment or decree, except as described in the Prospectus, nor is the Company or any subsidiary required to take any action in order to avoid any such violation or default.

(xiv) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(xv) The Registration Statement, any 462(b) Registration Statement and the Prospectus and each amendment or supplement thereto (other than the financial statements and related schedules therein, as to which such counsel need express no opinion), as of their respective effective or issue dates, complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. The descriptions in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus of statutes, legal and governmental proceedings or contracts and other documents are accurate and fairly present the information required to be shown; and such counsel do not know of any statutes or legal or governmental proceedings required to be described in the Registration Statement, any 462(b) Registration Statement or Prospectus that are not described as required or of any contracts or documents of a character required to be described in the Registration Statement or Prospectus or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement which are not described and filed as required.

(xvi) Each of the Registration Statement and any 462(b) Registration Statement is effective under the Act; any required filing of the Prospectus or any Term Sheet pursuant to Rule 424(b) or Rule 434, as applicable, has been made in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b) or Rule 434, as applicable; and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any 462(b) Registration Statement, respectively, or any part thereof has been issued and, to such counsel's knowledge, no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or threatened or are contemplated by the Commission.

(xvii) The Company is not, and will not be as a result of the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, an "investment company," or a company "controlled" by an "investment company," within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Such counsel shall also state that although such counsel has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of the information in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, they have participated in conferences with representatives of the Company and its counsel and independent accountants, at which the contents of the Registration Statement and Prospectus were discussed at length, and although there is no assurance that all possible material information concerning the Company was disclosed at such conferences, or that such counsel's familiarity with the Company and its industry is such that they have necessarily recognized

the materiality of the information that was disclosed, or that they would not have discovered different or additional information if they had conducted third-party inquiries, they have no reason to believe that the Registration Statement, or any 462(b) Registration Statement, respectively, or any further amendment thereto made prior to such Time of Delivery, on its effective date and as of such time of Delivery, contained or contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or that the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto made prior to such Time of Delivery, as of its issue date and as of such Time of Delivery, contained or contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading (provided that such counsel need express no belief regarding the financial statements and related schedules and other financial data contained in the Registration Statement, or any 462(b) Registration Statement, respectively, any amendment thereto, or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto).

In rendering any such opinion, such counsel may rely, as to matters of fact, to the extent such counsel deem proper, on certificates of responsible officers of the Company and public officials and an opinion or opinions, each dated the Time of Delivery, of other counsel retained by them or the Company as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the United States or the State of Florida, provided that (1) each such local counsel is reasonably acceptable to you, (2) such reliance is expressly authorized by each opinion so relied upon and a copy of each such opinion is delivered to the Representatives and is in form and substance satisfactory to them and their counsel, and (3) counsel shall state in their opinion that they believe that they and the Underwriters are justified in relying thereon.

(d) Shackelford Farrior Stallings & Evans, P.A., counsel for each of the Selling Shareholders, shall have furnished to you their written opinion with respect to each of the Selling Shareholders, dated such Time of Delivery, in form and substance satisfactory to you, to the effect that:

(i) A Custody Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by such Selling Shareholder and constitutes the valid and binding agreement of such Selling Shareholder in accordance with its terms.

(ii) This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by or on behalf of such Selling Shareholder and constitutes a valid and binding agreement of such Selling Shareholder in accordance with its terms; and the sale of the Shares to be sold by such Selling Shareholder hereunder and the performance of this Agreement and the Custody Agreement and the consummation of the transactions herein and therein contemplated will not result in a breach or violation of any terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, any statute, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument known to such counsel to which such Selling Shareholder is a party or by which such Selling Shareholder is bound, the declaration of trust of such Selling Shareholder if such Selling Shareholder is a trust, or any order, rule or regulation known to such counsel of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over such Selling Shareholder or the property of such Selling Shareholder.

(iii) No consent, approval, authorization or order of any court or governmental agency or body is required for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in connection with the Shares to be sold by such Selling Shareholder hereunder, except such as have been obtained under the Act and such as may be required under state securities or Blue Sky or insurance laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of such shares by the Underwriters.

(iv) Immediately prior to such Time of Delivery such Selling Shareholders had good and valid title to the Shares to be sold by such Selling Shareholder under this Agreement, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims, and full right, power and authority to sell, assign, transfer and deliver the Shares to be sold by such Selling Shareholder hereunder.

(v) Good and valid title to such Shares, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims, has been transferred to each of the several Underwriters who have purchased such Shares in

good faith and without notice of any such lien, encumbrance, equity or claim or any other adverse claim within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code.

In rendering the opinion of clause (iv) such counsel may rely upon a certificate of such Selling Shareholder as to matters of fact as to ownership of and liens, encumbrances, equities or claims on the Shares sold by such Selling Shareholder, provided that such counsel shall state that they have no reason not to believe that both you and they are justified in relying upon such certificate.

(e) You shall have received from Ernst & Young LLP letters dated, respectively, the date hereof (or, if the Registration Statement has been declared effective prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, dated such effective date and the date of this Agreement) and each Time of Delivery, in form and substance satisfactory to you, to the effect set forth in Annex I hereto. In the event that the letters referred to in this Section 7(e) set forth any changes, decreases or increases in the items specified in paragraph (C) of Annex I, it shall be a further condition to the obligations of the Underwriters that (i) such letters shall be accompanied by a written explanation by the Company as to the significance thereof, unless the Representatives deem such explanation unnecessary, and (ii) such changes, decreases or increases do not, in your sole judgment, make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the purchase, sale and delivery of the Shares being delivered at such Time of Delivery as contemplated by the Registration Statement, as amended as of the date of such letter.

(f) Since the date of the latest audited financial statements included in the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries shall have sustained (i) any loss or interference with their respective businesses from fire, explosion, flood, hurricane or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree, otherwise than as disclosed in or contemplated by the Prospectus, or (ii) any change, or any development involving a prospective change (including without limitation a change in management or control of the Company), in or affecting the position (financial or otherwise), results of operations, net worth or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, otherwise than as disclosed in or contemplated by the Prospectus, the effect of which, in either such case, is in your judgment so material and adverse as to make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the purchase, sale and delivery of the Shares being delivered at such Time of Delivery as contemplated by the Registration Statement, as amended as of the date hereof.

(g) Subsequent to the date hereof there shall not have occurred any of the following: (i) any suspension or limitation in trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange, or any setting of minimum prices for trading on such exchange, or in the Common Stock by the Commission or The Nasdaq Stock Market; (ii) a moratorium on commercial banking activities in New York declared by either federal or state authorities; or (iii) any outbreak or escalation of hostilities involving the United States, declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war or any other national or international calamity or emergency if the effect of any such event specified in this clause (iii) in your judgment makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the purchase, sale and delivery of the Shares being delivered at such Time of Delivery as contemplated by the Registration Statement, as amended as of the date hereof.

(h) The Company and Selling Shareholders shall have furnished to you at such Time of Delivery certificates of officers of the Company and Selling Shareholders, satisfactory to you as to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company and Selling Shareholders herein at and as of such Time of Delivery, as to the performance by the Company of all of its obligations hereunder to be performed at or prior to such Time of Delivery, and as to such other matters as you may reasonably request, and the Company shall have furnished or caused to be furnished certificates as to the matters set forth in subsections (a) and (f) of this Section 7, and as to such other matters as you may reasonably request.

8. INDEMNIFICATION AND CONTRIBUTION. (a) The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to the extent provided in Section 8(g), to which such Underwriter may become subject, under the Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon:

(i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement made by the Company in Section 1 of this Agreement; (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in (A) the Registration Statement or any amendment thereto, any 462(b) Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or (B) any application or other document, or any amendment or supplement thereto, executed by the Company or based upon written information furnished by or on behalf of the Company filed in any jurisdiction in order to qualify the Shares under the securities or blue sky laws thereof or filed with the Commission or any securities association or securities exchange (each an "Application"); or (iii) the omission or alleged omission to state in the Registration Statement, any 462(b) Registration Statement or any amendment thereto, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or any Application a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and will reimburse each Underwriter for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Underwriter in connection with investigating, defending against or appearing as a third-party witness in connection with any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; provided, however, that the Company shall not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in the Registration Statement or any 462(b) Registration Statement or any amendment thereto, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto or any Application in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Selling Shareholder or by any Underwriter through you expressly for use therein provided, further, however, that the Company shall not be liable to any Underwriter in respect of any Preliminary Prospectus to the extent that (i) the Prospectus did not contain the untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission giving rise to such loss, claim, damage, liability or action, (ii) the Prospectus was not sent or given to the purchaser of the Shares in question at or prior to the time at which the written confirmation of the sale of such Shares was sent or given to such person, and (iii) the failure to deliver such Prospectus was not the result of the Company's noncompliance with its obligations under Sections 5(b) and 5(f) hereof. The Company will not, without the prior written consent of each Underwriter, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment in any pending or threatened claim, action, suit or proceeding (or related cause of action or portion thereof) in respect of which indemnification may be sought hereunder (whether or not such Underwriter is a party to such claim, action, suit or proceeding), unless such settlement, compromise or consent includes an unconditional release of such Underwriter from all liability arising out of such claim, action, suit or proceeding (or related cause of action or portion thereof).

(b) The Selling Shareholders, jointly and severally, to the extent provided in Section 8(g), agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which such Underwriter may become subject, under the Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon: (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement made by a Selling Shareholder in Section 1 of this agreement; (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in (A) the Registration Statement or any amendment thereto, any 462(b) Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or (B) any application or other document, or any amendment or supplement thereto, executed by the Company or based upon written information furnished by or on behalf of the Company filed in any jurisdiction in order to qualify the Shares under the securities or blue sky laws thereof or filed with the Commission or any securities association or securities exchange (each an "Application"); or (iii) the omission or alleged omission to state in the Registration Statement, any 462(b) Registration Statement or any amendment thereto, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or any Application a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and will reimburse each Underwriter for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Underwriter in connection with investigating, defending against or appearing as a third-party witness in connection with any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; provided, however, that no Selling Shareholder shall be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in the Registration Statement or any 462(b) Registration Statement or any amendment thereto, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or

supplement thereto or any Application in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through you expressly for use therein provided, further, however, that no Selling Shareholder shall be liable to any Underwriter in respect of any Preliminary Prospectus to the extent that (i) the Prospectus did not contain the untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission giving rise to such loss, claim, damage, liability or action, (ii) the Prospectus was not sent or given to the purchaser of the Shares in question at or prior to the time at which the written confirmation of the sale of such Shares was sent or given to such person, and (iii) the failure to deliver such Prospectus was not the result of the Company's noncompliance with its obligations under Sections 5(b) and 5(f) hereof. No Selling Shareholder will, without the prior written consent of each Underwriter, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment in any pending or threatened claim, action, suit or proceeding (or related cause of action or portion thereof) in respect of which indemnification may be sought hereunder (whether or not such Underwriter is a party to such claim, action, suit or proceeding), unless such settlement, compromise or consent includes an unconditional release of such Underwriter from all liability arising out of such claim, action, suit or proceeding (or related cause of action or portion thereof).

(c) Each Underwriter, severally but not jointly, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and each Selling Shareholder against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which the Company or any Selling Shareholder may become subject under the Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in the Registration Statement or any 462(b) Registration Statement or any amendment thereto, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto or any Application or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Underwriter through you expressly for use therein provided, or to the extent that (i) the Preliminary Prospectus contained an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission giving rise to a loss, claim, damage, liability or action, (ii) the Prospectus did not contain such statement or omission and was not sent or given to the purchaser of the Shares in question at or prior to the time at which the written confirmation of the sale of such Shares was sent or given to such person, and (iii) the failure to deliver such Prospectus was not the result of the Company's noncompliance with its obligations under Sections 5(b) and 5(f) hereof; and the Underwriters, severally but not jointly, will reimburse the Company and the Selling Shareholders for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Company and the Selling Shareholders in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action.

(d) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under subsection (a) and (b) above of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party shall, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under such subsection, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under such subsection. In case any such action shall be brought against any indemnified party and it shall notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party shall be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it shall wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to such indemnified party (who shall not, except with the consent of the indemnified party, be counsel to the indemnifying party); provided, however, that if the defendants in any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be one or more legal defenses available to it or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, the indemnifying party shall not have the right to assume the defense of such action on behalf of such indemnified party and such indemnified party shall have the right to select separate counsel to defend such action on behalf of such indemnified party. After such notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof and approval by such indemnified party of counsel appointed to defend such action, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 8 for any legal or other expenses, other than reasonable costs of

investigation, subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof, unless (i) the indemnified party shall have employed separate counsel in accordance with the proviso to the next preceding sentence or (ii) the indemnifying party has authorized the employment of counsel for the indemnified party at the expense of the indemnifying party. Nothing in this Section 8(d) shall preclude an indemnified party from participating at its own expense in the defense of any such action so assumed by the indemnifying party.

(e) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 8 is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under subsection (a), (b) or (c) above in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company and the Selling Shareholders, respectively, on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Shares. If, however, the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable law or if the indemnified party failed to give the notice required under subsection (d) above, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to such amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company and the Selling Shareholders, respectively, on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company and the Selling Shareholders, respectively, on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Selling Shareholders bear to the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company and the Selling Shareholders on the one hand or the Underwriters on the other and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Company, the Selling Shareholders and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contributions pursuant to this subsection (e) were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this subsection (e). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to above in this subsection (e) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (e), no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Shares underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations in this subsection (e) to contribute are several in proportion to their respective underwriting obligations and not joint.

(f) The obligations of the Company and the Selling Shareholders under this Section 8 shall be in addition to any liability which the Company and the Selling Shareholders may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of the Act; and the obligations of the Underwriters under this Section 8 shall be in addition to any liability which the respective Underwriters may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to each officer and director of the Company and the Selling Shareholders and to each person, if any, who controls the Company and the Selling Shareholders within the meaning of the Act.

(g) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the liability of each Selling Shareholder pursuant to this Section 8 or a breach of a representation or warranty contained in Section 1 shall be limited to an amount equal to the aggregate net proceeds received by it pursuant to this agreement, and the liability of the Company pursuant to

this Section 8 or a breach of a representation or warranty contained in Section 1 shall be limited to an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the loss, cost, expense, or liability to which the Underwriters may become subject over the aggregate of any amounts received by the Underwriters from the Selling Shareholders pursuant to this Section 8 if the Underwriters have first exercised reasonable efforts (including available legal proceedings) to recover from the Selling Shareholders the amount to which they are entitled pursuant thereto.

9. DEFAULT OF UNDERWRITERS. (a) If any Underwriter defaults in its obligation to purchase Shares at a Time of Delivery, you may in your discretion arrange for you or another party or other parties to purchase such Shares on the terms contained herein. If within thirty-six (36) hours after such default by any Underwriter you do not arrange for the purchase of such Shares, the Company and the Selling Shareholders shall be entitled to a further period of thirty-six (36) hours within which to procure another party or other parties satisfactory to you to purchase such Shares on such terms. In the event that, within the respective prescribed periods, you notify the Company and the Attorneys-in-Fact that you have so arranged for the purchase of such Shares, or the Company or Attorneys-in-Fact notify you that they have so arranged for the purchase of such Shares, you or the Company or Attorneys-in-Fact shall have the right to postpone a Time of Delivery for a period of not more than seven days in order to effect whatever changes may thereby be made necessary in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or in any other documents or arrangements, and the Company agrees to file promptly any amendments to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus that in your opinion may thereby be made necessary. The cost of preparing, printing and filing any such amendments shall be paid for by the Underwriters. The term "Underwriter" as used in this Agreement shall include any person substituted under this Section with like effect as if such person had originally been a party to this Agreement with respect to such Shares.

(b) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Shares of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by you and the Company and the Selling Shareholders as provided in subsection (a) above, the aggregate number of such Shares which remains unpurchased does not exceed one-eleventh of the aggregate number of Shares to be purchased at such Time of Delivery, then the Company shall have the right to require each non-defaulting Underwriter and the Selling Shareholders to purchase the number of Shares which such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder at such Time of Delivery and, in addition, to require each non-defaulting Underwriter to purchase its pro rata share (based on the number of Shares which such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder) of the Shares of such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters for which such arrangements have not been made, but nothing herein shall relieve a defaulting Underwriter from liability for its default.

10. TERMINATION. (a) This Agreement may be terminated with respect to the Firm Shares or any Optional Shares in your sole discretion by notice to the Company and the Attorneys-in-Fact given prior to the First Time of Delivery or any Subsequent Time of Delivery, respectively, in the event that (i) any condition to the obligations of the Underwriters set forth in Section 7 hereof has not been satisfied, or (ii) the Selling Shareholders shall have failed, refused or been unable to deliver the Shares or the Company or Selling Shareholders have failed to perform all obligations and satisfy all conditions on their part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to such Time of Delivery, in either case other than by reason of a default by any of the Underwriters. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section 10(a)(i), the Company and Selling Shareholders and if this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 10(a)(ii), the Selling Shareholders will reimburse the Underwriters severally upon demand for all out-of-pocket expenses (including counsel fees and disbursements) that shall have been incurred by them in connection with the proposed purchase and sale of the Shares. The Company and Selling Shareholders shall not in any event be liable to any of the Underwriters for the loss of anticipated profits from the transactions covered by this Agreement.

(b) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Shares of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by you, the Company and Selling Shareholders as provided in Section 9(a), the aggregate number of such Shares which remains unpurchased exceeds one-eleventh of the aggregate number of Shares to be purchased at such Time of Delivery, or if the Company and Selling Shareholders shall not exercise the right described in Section 9(b) to require non-defaulting Underwriters to purchase Shares of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters, then this Agreement (or, with respect to a Subsequent Time of Delivery, the obligations of the Underwriters to purchase and of the Selling Shareholders to sell the Optional Shares) shall

thereupon terminate, without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter or the Company and Selling Shareholders, except for the expenses to be borne by the Company and the Underwriters as provided in Section 6 hereof and the indemnity and contribution agreements in Section 8 hereof; but nothing herein shall relieve a defaulting Underwriter from liability for its default.

11. SURVIVAL. The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company and the Selling Shareholders, the Company's officers and the several Underwriters, as set forth in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of them, respectively, pursuant to this Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation (or any statement as to the results thereof) made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or any controlling person referred to in Section 8(f) or the Company and the Insurance Subsidiaries, or any officer or director or controlling person of the Company or the Insurance Subsidiaries referred to in Section 8(f), and shall survive delivery of and payment for the Shares. The respective agreements, covenants, indemnities and other statements set forth in Sections 6 and 8 hereof shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any termination or cancellation of this Agreement.

12. NOTICES. All communications hereunder shall be in writing and, if sent to any of the Underwriters, shall be mailed, delivered or telegraphed and confirmed in writing to you in care of The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc., 3333 Peachtree Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30326, Attention: Corporate Finance Department (with a copy to King & Spalding, 191 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, Attention: Randolph C. Coley; if sent to the Company, shall be mailed, delivered or telegraphed and confirmed in writing to the Company at 401 East Jackson Street, Suite 1700, Tampa, Florida 33602, Attention: Laurel J. Lenfestey (with a copy to Holland & Knight, 400 North Ashley Drive, Suite 2050, Tampa, Florida 33602, Attention: Michael L. Jamieson) and if sent to the Selling Shareholders Poe Investments, Inc., P.O. Box 1348, Tampa, Florida 33601, Attention: William F. Poe (with a copy to Shackelford Farrior Stallings & Evans, P.A., 501 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33602, Attention: John I. Van Voris).

13. REPRESENTATIVES. You will act for the several Underwriters in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and any action under this Agreement taken by you jointly or by The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc. will be binding upon all the Underwriters.

14. BINDING EFFECT. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure solely to the benefit of, the Underwriters and the Company and to the extent provided in Sections 8 and 10 hereof, the officers and directors and controlling persons referred to therein and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and no other person shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement. No purchaser of any of the Shares from any Underwriter shall be deemed a successor or assign by reason merely of such purchase.

15. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia without giving effect to any provisions regarding conflicts of laws.

16. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed by any one or more of the parties hereto in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to us one of the counterparts hereof, and upon the acceptance hereof by The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc., on behalf of each of the Underwriters, this letter will constitute a binding agreement among the Underwriters and the Company. It is understood that your acceptance of this letter on behalf of each of the Underwriters is pursuant to the authority set forth in the Master Agreement among Underwriters, a copy of which shall be submitted to the Company for examination, upon request, but without warranty on your part as to the authority of the signers thereof.

Very truly yours,

POE & BROWN, INC.

By:

Name:

Title:

[Selling Shareholder Signatures]

The foregoing Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date first written above at Atlanta, Georgia.

THE ROBINSON-HUMPHREY COMPANY, INC.
SMITH BARNEY INC.

By: The Robinson-Humphrey Company,
Inc.

By:

(Authorized Representative)

On behalf of each of the Underwriters

SCHEDULE I
LIST OF SELLING SHAREHOLDERS

SELLING SHAREHOLDERS	NUMBER OF FIRM SHARES TO BE SOLD	NUMBER OF OPTIONAL SHARES TO BE SOLD IF MAXIMUM OPTION EXERCISED
William F. Poe, Sr.	80,760	--
Elizabeth Poe.....	13,775	--
William F. Poe, Sr. Grantor Retained Annuity Trust.....	600,000	--
William F. Poe Foundation.....	50,000	--
W. F. Poe Syndicate, Inc.	108,719	143,750
William F. Poe, Jr.	5,623	--
Karen Poe Foster.....	13,889	--
Marilyn Poe Luskis.....	14,990	--
Janice Poe Mitchell.....	8,542	--
Charles E. Poe.....	22,717	--
Charles W. Poe & Co.	80,611	70,000
Charles W. Poe Grantor Retained Annuity Trust.....	289,662	--
Charles W. Poe Revocable Living Trust.....	8,438	--
Lynn Poe.....	5,438	--
Reynolds Children's Trust.....	4,562	--
Jennifer Poe Wolf.....	5,438	--
Wolf Children's Trust.....	1,750	--
Doris P. Anderson.....	101,590	--
J. Wayne Anderson.....	4,496	--
Ronald and Joan Anderson.....	4,000	--
Total.....	1,425,000	213,750
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SCHEDULE II

UNDERWRITER	NUMBER OF FIRM SHARES TO BE PURCHASED	NUMBER OF OPTIONAL SHARES TO BE PURCHASED IF MAXIMUM OPTION EXERCISED
The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc.		
Smith Barney Inc.		
 Total.....	 ----- =====	 ----- =====

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Underwriting Agreement, Ernst & Young LLP shall furnish letters to the Underwriters to the effect that:

(i) they are independent public accountants with respect to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries within the meaning the Act and the applicable published rules and regulations thereunder;

(ii) in their opinion, the consolidated financial statements and schedules audited by them and included in the Prospectus and the Registration Statement comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the Act and the related published rules and regulations thereunder;

(iii) the financial statements of the Company as of and for the six-month period ended June 30, 1995 were reviewed by them in accordance with the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and based upon their review they are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to such financial statements for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and such financial statements comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the Act and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder;

(iv) On the basis of limited procedures not constituting an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, consisting of a reading of the unaudited financial statements and other information referred to below, a reading of the latest available interim financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, inspection of the minute books of the Company and its subsidiaries since the date of the latest audited financial statements included in the Prospectus, inquiries of officials of the Company and its subsidiaries responsible for financial accounting matters and such other inquiries and procedures as may be specified in such letter, nothing came to their attention that caused them to believe that:

(A) the unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus do not comply in form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the Act and the related published rules and regulations thereunder or are not in conformity with generally accepted principles applied on a basis substantially consistent with that of the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus;

(B) as of a specified date not more than 5 days prior to the date of such letter, there were any changes in the capital stock (other than the issuance of capital stock upon exercise of employee stock options that were outstanding on the date of the latest balance sheet included in the Prospectus) or any increase in the long-term debt or short-term debt of the Company and its subsidiaries, or any decreases in net current assets or net assets or other items specified by the Underwriters, or any increases in any other items specified by the Underwriters, in each case as compared with amounts shown in the latest balance sheet included in the Prospectus, except in each case for changes, increases or decreases which the Prospectus discloses have occurred or may occur, or which are described in such letter; and

(C) for the period from the date of the latest financial statements included in the Prospectus to the specified date referred to in clause (B) there were any decreases in revenues or operating income or the total or per share amounts of net income or other items specified by the Underwriters, or any increases in any items specified by the Underwriters, in each case as compared with the comparable period of the preceding year and with any other period of corresponding length specified by the Representatives, except in each case for increases or decreases which the Prospectus discloses have occurred or may occur, or which are described in such letter; and

(v) In addition to the audit referred to in their report(s) included in the Prospectus and the limited procedures, inspection of minute books, inquiries and other procedures referred to in paragraph (iv) above, they have carried out certain specified procedures, not constituting an audit in accordance with

generally accepted auditing standards, with respect to certain amounts, percentages and financial information specified by the Underwriters that are included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, or which appear in Part II of, or in exhibits or schedules to, the Registration Statement and have compared certain of such amounts, percentages and financial information with the accounting records of the Company and its subsidiaries and have found them to be in agreement.

References to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus in this Annex I shall include any amendment or supplement thereto at the date of such letter.

HOLLAND & KNIGHT

400 NORTH ASHLEY DR.
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33602

EXHIBIT 5

August 4, 1995

Poe & Brown, Inc.
220 South Ridgewood Avenue
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We refer to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement"), to be filed by Poe & Brown, Inc. (the "Company") with the Securities and Exchange Commission, for the purpose of registering under the Securities Act of 1933 an aggregate of 1,638,750 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$.10 per share (the "Common Stock"), to be offered to the public pursuant to a proposed underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") between the Company, certain shareholders of the Company, and Smith Barney Inc. and The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc., as representatives of a group of underwriters.

In connection with the foregoing registration, we have acted as counsel for the Company, and have examined originals, or copies certified to our satisfaction, of all such corporate records of the Company, certificates of public officials, and representatives of the Company, and other documents as we deemed necessary to require as a basis for the opinion hereafter expressed.

Based upon the foregoing, and having regard for legal considerations that we deem relevant, it is our opinion that the Common Stock will be, when and if sold in accordance with the Underwriting Agreement, legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as Exhibit 5 to the Registration Statement, and to the reference to this firm under the caption "Legal Matters," contained in the prospectus filed as a part thereof.

Very truly yours,

HOLLAND & KNIGHT

By: /s/ MICHAEL L. JAMIESON

Michael L. Jamieson

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

We consent to the reference to our firm under the captions "Selected Consolidated Financial Data" and "Experts" and to the use of our report dated January 28, 1995, except for the last paragraph of Note 2, as to which the date is March 1, 1995, in the Registration Statement (Form S-3) and related Prospectus of Poe & Brown, Inc. for the registration of 1,638,750 shares of its common stock.

We also consent to the incorporation by reference therein of our report with respect to the financial statement schedule of Poe & Brown, Inc. for the years ended December 31, 1994, 1993 and 1992 included in the Annual Report (Form 10-K) for 1994 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Tampa, Florida
July 31, 1995

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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Dated: August 1, 1995

/s/ J. Hyatt Brown

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Dated: July 28, 1995

/s/ William F. Poe, Sr.

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/s/ Samuel P. Bell, III

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/s/ Theodore J. Hoepner

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Dated: August 1, 1995

/s/ Charles W. Poe

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Dated: July 28, 1995

/s/ William F. Poe, Jr.

William F. Poe, Jr.

POE & BROWN, INC.
CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, Laurel J. Lenfestey, hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of Poe & Brown, Inc. (the "Company"), a Florida corporation, and that, attached hereto as Attachment A is a true and correct copy of resolutions duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company on August 2, 1995, and such resolutions are in full force and effect on and as of the date hereof, not having been amended, altered, or repealed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on August 4, 1995.

POE & BROWN, INC.

By: /s/ Laurel J. Lenfestey

Name: Laurel J. Lenfestey
Title: Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF POE & BROWN, INC.PUBLIC OFFERING

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves in principle the plan submitted for the sale to the public of shares of Common Stock, \$.10 par value, of the Company through a negotiated sale to an underwriting group;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), of a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement"), relating to the sale of shares of Common Stock, \$.10 par value (the "Shares"), to be offered by certain selling shareholders (the "Selling Shareholders"), including William F. Poe, Sr., William F. Poe, Jr., Charles E. Poe, and certain of their family members and affiliates, in substantially the form of the July 28, 1995, draft Registration Statement previously delivered to the directors, with such changes therein as any executive officer of the Company shall approve (the execution of the Registration Statement by such officer, either personally or through a power of attorney, shall conclusively evidence approval of any such changes reflected therein), is hereby authorized and approved;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the execution of the Registration Statement by the appropriate officers and directors of the Company, including J. Hyatt Brown, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Timothy L. Young, Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, either personally or through a power of attorney, is hereby authorized and approved;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the filing with the Commission of amendments to the Registration Statement as may be required by the rules promulgated by the Commission (the "Rules"), requested or ordered by the Commission, or otherwise deemed appropriate, advisable, or convenient by any executive officer of the Company is hereby authorized and approved, and that the execution and filing of such amendments on behalf of the Company by any executive officer in such form, and with such content, as such officer may determine, is hereby authorized and approved, such execution and filing to be conclusive evidence of the approval of such amendments and the filing thereof; and that the execution thereof, either personally or through a power of attorney, by certain officers and at least a majority of the Board of Directors of the Company, according to the Rules, is hereby authorized and approved;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Laurel J. Lenfestey, Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of the Company, is hereby designated as Agent for Service with respect to the Registration Statement with all attendant powers provided by the Rules;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Laurel J. Lenfestey, Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of the Company, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Company a Registration Agreement with the Selling Shareholders in the offering, addressing certain issues related to the offering, and containing provisions whereby the Selling Shareholders will pay all underwriting discounts and commissions relating to the sale of their shares and all fees and expenses of counsel for the selling shareholders, as well as one-half of the other expenses of the offering;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Registration Agreement may contain such other terms and conditions, including customary indemnification provisions, that the President of the Company shall approve (Ms. Lenfestey's execution thereof shall conclusively evidence such approval of any such provisions);

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ms. Lenfestey is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Company an Underwriting Agreement with The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc. and Smith Barney Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters with respect to the proposed offering, and such Underwriting Agreement may contain provisions that are customary with respect to such agreements and such other terms

and conditions as the President of the Company shall approve (Ms. Lenfestey's execution of the Underwriting Agreement shall conclusively evidence such approval of any such provisions);

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the law firm of Holland & Knight is hereby authorized to act as counsel for the Company in connection with matters relating to the offering and sale of the Shares.