

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LOWE COLIN E</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 5900 N ANDREWS AVE STE 300 (Street) FT LAUDERDALE FL 33309 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/21/2009	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BROWN & BROWN INC [BRO]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Regional Executive VP</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, \$.10 par value	4,295	D	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value	69,727	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value	2,001	I ⁽²⁾	401(k)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Stock Options ⁽³⁾	03/23/2013	03/24/2013	Common Stock	15,000	15.78	D

Explanation of Responses:

- These securities were granted at various dates pursuant to the Company's Performance Stock Plan. Based on the satisfaction of certain performance-based conditions contained in that Plan, the recipient may have voting rights and dividend entitlements with respect to a portion of these shares, but full ownership will not vest until the satisfaction of additional conditions.
- Based upon information supplied as of 1/21/09 by the Plan's recordkeeper. Number of shares varies periodically based on contributions to plan.
- Granted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors pursuant to the Company's 2000 Incentive Stock Option Plan.

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** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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