

DOWNS LINDA S
Form 4
December 22, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DOWNS LINDA S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

220 S RIDGEWOOD AVE

(Street)

DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

BROWN & BROWN INC [BRO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

12/18/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice President

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$.10 par value	12/18/2009		G	V 3,400 D \$ 0	407,326 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value					266,650 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value					38,774	I	401(k) Plan ⁽³⁾

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. P Der Sec (Ins	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (4)	\$ 15.78							03/23/2013	03/24/2013	Common Stock	108,226
Stock Options (4)	\$ 18.48							11/26/2017	02/26/2018	Common Stock	110,000 (5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
DOWNS LINDA S 220 S RIDGEWOOD AVE DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114	Executive Vice President

Signatures

LINDA S.
DOWNS 12/22/2009

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This total includes 1,446 shares obtained through the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan in August 2009. Number of shares may vary due to dividend reinvestment.
- (2)

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These securities were granted pursuant to the Company's Performance Stock Plan. Based on the satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to that Plan, the reporting person has voting rights and dividend entitlements with respect to a portion of these shares, full ownership will not vest until the satisfaction of additional conditions.

- (3) Based upon information supplied by the Plan's recordkeeper. Number of shares varies periodically based on contributions to plan.
- (4) Granted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors pursuant to the Company's 2000 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan").
- (5) These options vest and become exercisable on 11/26/17 unless accelerated based on satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to the Plan.

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