

BROWN J POWELL  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BROWN J POWELL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BROWN & BROWN INC [BRO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
220 S RIDGEWOOD AVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/22/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

(Street)  
DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$.10 par value	12/22/2010		G	V 1,632 D \$ 0	1,042,960	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value	12/22/2010		G	V 1,632 A \$ 0	5,045	I	Children <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock, \$.10 par value					321,872 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, \$.10					187,040 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	



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(1) Number of shares may vary due to dividend reinvestment.

Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of securities owned by children who share reporting person's household. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purpose of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(2) These securities were granted pursuant to the Company's Performance Stock Plan ("PSP"). Based on the satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to the PSP, the reporting person has voting rights and dividend entitlement with respect to a portion of these shares based on the satisfaction of certain performance-based criteria, but full ownership will not vest until the satisfaction of additional conditions.

(3) These securities were granted pursuant to the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan ("SIP"). Full ownership will not vest until the satisfaction of conditions established in connection with this grant.

(4) Based upon information supplied by the Plan's recordkeeper. Number of shares varies periodically based on contributions to plan.

(5) Granted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors pursuant to the Company's 2000 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan").

(6) options vest and become exercisable on 11/26/17, unless vesting is accelerated based on satisfaction of certain performance-based conditions established pursuant to the Plan.

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