

BROWN & BROWN INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 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)
 02/27/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, \$.10 par value	02/27/2008		A		43,290	A	\$ 0
Common Stock, \$.10 par value					266,650	I	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value					369,207	D	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value					38,443	I	

Stock Performance Plan ⁽¹⁾

401(k) Plan ⁽²⁾

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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number of Shares
Stock Options (3)	\$ 4.836					04/21/2004 04/20/2010	Common Stock 20,680
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Stock Options (3)	\$ 15.78					03/23/2013 03/24/2013	Common Stock 108,220
Stock Options (3)	\$ 18.48	02/27/2008		A	110,000	11/26/2017 02/26/2018	Common Stock 110,000 (4)

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
Date 02/28/2008

__Signature of
Reporting Person

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).
These securities were granted pursuant to the Company's Stock Performance 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, but full ownership will not vest until the satisfaction of additional conditions.
- (1) Pursuant to that Plan, the reporting person has 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.
- (2) Based upon information supplied as of 2/26/08 by the Plan's recordkeeper. Number of shares varies periodically based on contributions to plan.
- (3) Granted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors pursuant to the Company's 2000 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan").
- (4) 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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