

BROWN J POWELL  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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**

(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)  
12/15/2009

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)  
President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock, \$.10 par value	12/15/2009		G	V 1,444 A \$ 0	1,041,980	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value					321,872 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value					3,413	I	Children <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock, \$.10					14,235	I	401(k) Plan <sup>(4)</sup>



## 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) Number of shares may vary due to dividend reinvestment.  
  
These securities were granted pursuant to the Company's Performance Stock Plan, and do not vest unless and until certain performance-based conditions are satisfied. In the case of 207,040 of these shares, the second condition of vesting was extended to require 20, rather than 15, years of continued employment with the Company after the date of grant before full ownership of the securities can vest and the period in which the price of the Company's stock must increase by specified percentages in order to vest (the first condition of vesting) was extended from five to seven years. Once the first condition of vesting is met, the recipient has voting rights and dividend entitlement with respect to the shares as to which such condition has been satisfied.
- (2) 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.
- (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 vesting is accelerated based on satisfaction of certain performance-based conditions established pursuant to the Plan.
- (6)

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