

## Lawyer's Protector Plan(R) to Begin Accepting Other Programs' Application Forms Effective January 2006

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TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 19 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Brown & Brown, Inc. today announced that its Lawyer's Protector Plan(R) (LPP(R)) insurance program will begin offering bindable quotes using competitors' "long form" application forms for new lawyers professional liability insurance coverage, if such applications are accompanied by LPP(R)'s one-page LPP(R) "Bridge Application" and "Representation Statement" supplement. Located in Tampa, Florida, LPP(R) specializes in providing lawyers' professional liability insurance for law firms across the country with one to 10 attorneys.

"I am confident our agents will enjoy being able to use competitors' applications in order to receive a bindable quote from LPP(R). This should save a lot of time for the agent and for the insured law firm," said Stephen S. van Wert, Executive Vice President of Brown & Brown's Professional Programs Division, who is responsible for the LPP(R) program. All applications and supplements are available on LPP(R)'s website at http://www.lawyers.protectorplan.com.

LPP(R) is part of the Programs Division of Brown & Brown, Inc., a publicly held insurance intermediary traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: BRO). Brown & Brown is ranked as the 7th largest insurance intermediary in the United States by Business Insurance magazine. LPP(R) began operations in 1983 and has since become one of the largest providers of professional liability insurance to small law firms in the United States. LPP(R) provides coverage to thousands of law firms in 42 states and the District of Columbia.

The LPP(R) program is currently underwritten by Greenwich Insurance Company, a member of the XL Capital group, rated "A+" by A.M. Best. Greenwich Insurance Company is a primary insurance company licensed to write property and casualty insurance throughout the United States and is a member insurer of XL Capital Ltd's insurance operations branded as "XL Insurance". XL Capital Ltd, through its operating subsidiaries, is a leading provider of insurance, reinsurance coverages and financial products and services to industrial, commercial and professional service firms, insurance companies, and other enterprises on a worldwide basis. More information about XL Capital Ltd is available at http://www.xlcapital.com .

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