



Laura Simon Named to Head Brown & Brown, Inc.'s Lawyer's Protector Plan(R)

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DAYTONA BEACH, FL and TAMPA, FL, Apr 18, 2007 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Linda S. Downs, CPCU, AAI, President of B&B Protector Plans, Inc., a subsidiary of Brown & Brown, Inc. (NYSE: BRO), has announced that Laura M. Simon, JD, MBA, has been promoted to Executive Vice President and Profit Center Leader of the Lawyer's Protector Plan(R) (LPP(R)), one of the programs that comprises B&B Protector Plans, Inc. In her new position, Ms. Simon will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of this niche professional liability insurance program serving attorneys and law firms nationwide.

Ms. Downs explained, "We feel quite fortunate that Laura, with her background in both law and business, was available to step into this position as we expand our marketing focus and resources for this successful brand. She has accepted the challenge to help lead the LPP to the next level."

Ms. Simon was selected based on her experience with the Company, law degree and Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree. Most recently she has been the Director of the Company's Leadership Development Department. Prior to that she served in management capacities within the Lawyer's Protector Plan(R) for six years, during which time she earned her MBA degree from the University of Tampa. Before joining the LPP, Ms. Simon spent several years as a claims specialist and consultant with insurance underwriting companies in the midwestern United States. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

The LPP has been providing professional liability insurance for attorneys since 1983. Today, the program writes approximately \$40 million in premiums annually and covers nearly 6,000 law firms in 44 states and the District of Columbia. The LPP is underwritten by Greenwich Insurance Company, a member of the XL Capital group, which is a diversified insurance, reinsurance and financial products and services business. XL Capital Group has earned one of the highest ratings available ("A+" XV) from A.M. Best, the leading independent insurance rating organization in the United States.

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