



## **Brown & Brown, Inc. Forms Mergers & Acquisitions Team and Promotes Thomas M. Donegan, Jr. to Vice President and Chief Acquisitions Counsel**

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DAYTONA BEACH, FL and TAMPA, FL, Jan 28, 2008 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Jim W. Henderson, Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of Brown & Brown, Inc. (NYSE: BRO), is pleased to announce that, effective immediately, Thomas M. Donegan, Jr., Esq., CIC, currently the Company's Vice President, Assistant Secretary and Assistant General Counsel, has been selected to head the newly formed Mergers & Acquisitions Division within Brown & Brown's Legal Department, and has been promoted to the newly formed position of Vice President and Chief Acquisitions Counsel. In this new position Mr. Donegan will be responsible for directing the legal activities of the Company's newly formed Mergers & Acquisitions Team. Mr. Donegan will also continue to serve as Assistant Secretary of the Company.

Mr. Donegan joined Brown & Brown in April of 2000 as Vice President, Assistant Secretary and Assistant General Counsel. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from the Emory University Law School in 1998, after having graduated with honors from the University of Florida with a B.A. degree in 1992. Prior to joining Brown & Brown he was with the law firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Donegan has also earned the insurance industry's Certified Insurance Councilor (CIC) designation.

Commenting on the new M&A Team and Mr. Donegan's new role, Mr. Henderson said, "As our merger and acquisition activity has grown it was just sound business to dedicate a specialized team to this aspect of our growth. Tom was selected to head the very critical legal side due to his prior heavy involvement with our M&A activity and inherent knowledge of what is needed to help us avoid possible legal issues and the subsequent challenges these can create."

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