

American Specialty Insurance & Risk Services, Inc. Names Tony Wittwer President

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ROANOKE, IN, May 13, 2009 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) -- American Specialty Insurance & Risk Services, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Brown & Brown, Inc. (NYSE: BRO) is pleased to announce that Tony L. Wittwer has been named President of the Indiana-based sports, motorsports and recreation specialty insurance company. Wittwer joined American Specialty in September 2006 and previously served as Executive Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer.

Wittwer brings 20 years of specialty insurance and senior executive expertise to American Specialty, including serving as President & CEO of K&K Insurance Group, Inc.

Since American Specialty's beginnings in 1989, it has established itself as an industry leader in the program segments it serves. Programs segments include fairs, festivals, zoos, motorsports, professional, and amateur sports, amusement parks, family entertainment centers, sports complexes, convention/civic centers, and pari-mutuel racing facilities.

American Specialty's Senior Vice President of Client Services, Drew Smith, will be assuming Wittwer's previous role as Chief Marketing Officer.

On January 1, 2005, American Specialty became a member company of Brown & Brown, Inc., one of the nation's leading publicly-traded insurance services organization.

American Specialty Insurance & Risk Services, Inc. headquartered in Roanoke, Indiana, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Brown & Brown, Inc., ranked by Business Insurance magazine as the United States' seventh largest independent insurance intermediary.

This press release may contain certain statements relating to future results which are forward-looking statements. These statements are not historical facts, but instead represent only the current belief of American Specialty Insurance & Risk Services, Inc. and its parent company, Brown & Brown, Inc. (collectively, the "Company") regarding future events, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and outside of the Company's control. It is possible that the Company's actual results, financial condition and achievements may differ, possibly materially, from the anticipated results, financial condition and achievements contemplated by these forward-looking statements. Further information concerning the Company and its business, including factors that potentially could materially affect the Company's financial results and condition, as well as its other achievements, are contained in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All forward-looking statements made herein are made only as of the date of this release, and the Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or correct any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that subsequently occur or of which the Company hereafter becomes aware.

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