



## **Brown & Brown, Inc. Names Nick Dereszynski as Regional Vice President**

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The Board of Directors of Brown & Brown, Inc. (NYSE: BRO) today announced that Nick Dereszynski, CEBS, CIC, has been elected Regional Vice President of the Company. Mr. Dereszynski will relocate from Syracuse, New York, where he has served as Profit Center Leader for the past six years and has overseen certain other retail offices in the State of New York, to Seattle, Washington, where he will assume responsibility for the oversight of all Brown & Brown retail operations in the State of Washington. Mr. Dereszynski will report to J. Scott Penny, Regional President and Chief Acquisitions Officer.

J. Powell Brown, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Nick has been an active contributor and a leader in every office and community in which he has served since joining Brown & Brown in 1993. His experience in profit centers of the Company in Florida and New York will be valuable to him and to the offices for which he will now be responsible in Washington. His dedication to our Company's culture and his record of success make him a wonderful addition to our senior leadership team."

Nick joined Brown & Brown in 1993 in the Fort Myers, Florida office, as a property and casualty/employee benefits producer and was elevated to the position of Benefits Team Leader before his promotion to the position of Profit Center Leader in Naples, Florida in 1998, and his subsequent move to lead the Sarasota, Florida retail office from 2002 to 2005. In 2005, he assumed responsibility for the Syracuse, New York retail office, where he serves as President of Brown & Brown Empire State, a division of Brown & Brown of New York, Inc.

Nick currently chairs the Boards of Directors of Leadership Greater Syracuse and Syracuse Tomorrow. He serves as a Director of Syracuse 20/20 and the CenterState CEO, a Director and past Chairman of the American Heart Association, and was a 2007 recipient of The Greater Syracuse "40 Under 40" Award. He is also a member of several Producer Councils sponsored by insurance carriers.

Nick holds the designations of Certified Employee Benefits Specialist and Certified Insurance Counselor. He is a graduate of Georgia Southern University, where he was named to membership in the Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society and was a landmark initiate of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, and where he earned a degree in Finance. He was a member of the Georgia Southern I-AA National Championship Football team in 1989 and 1990.

Brown & Brown, Inc., through its subsidiaries, offers a broad range of insurance and reinsurance products and services, as well as risk management, third-party administration, managed health care, and Medicare set-aside services and programs. Providing service to business, public entity, individual, trade and professional association clients nationwide, the Company is ranked by Business Insurance magazine as the United States' seventh largest independent insurance intermediary. The Company's Web address is [www.bbinsurance.com](http://www.bbinsurance.com).

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 Company's current belief 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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