



Oversaw contracts for three Job Corps centers, which assist troubled youth ages 16-24 to get education and job training required to sustain them in the workforce.

Managed office with over 40 employees and 3 million dollar annual budget.  
Responsible for overseeing elections, maintaining business, legislative and historical records; assisted entrepreneurs starting businesses in Kentucky.

Proposed and helped pass legislation modernizing Kentucky's business and election laws.

As State Chief Election Officer, oversaw planning and partial implementation of Help America Vote Act, which provides up to \$48 million to Kentucky for election reform.

Dramatically modernized and streamlined office services and information.

Saved taxpayers \$850,000 through efficiency and cost-cutting management measures.

Worked with numerous citizen groups promoting civics literacy among youth.

- **Candidate for Secretary of State**                      **Louisville, KY**                      **1995-1996**  
Won Democratic primary by 16% margin and general election by 14% margin. Became second youngest Secretary of State in nation and one of the youngest statewide office holders in modern Kentucky history.
  
- **Director of Franchising, Roasters Corp.**      **Ft. Lauderdale, FL**                      **1992-1994**  
Handled all franchise sales and negotiations for development of Kenny Roger's Roasters restaurants with franchisees in 37 states and four foreign countries. Personal franchise sales exceeded \$9.5 million from franchise reservation fees, serving as primary source of company revenue during period.
  
- **Brown, Todd & Heyburn (Summer Associate)**                      **Louisville, KY**                      **1991**
  
- **Stoll, Keenon & Park (Summer Associate)**                      **Lexington, KY**                      **1990**

## **Education**

- **Bellarmino University**                      **Louisville, KY**                      **1988**  
*B.A. History (Magna Cum Laude)*
  - Cardinal Section Honors Program
  - Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities
  
- **University of Kentucky College of Law**                      **Lexington, KY**                      **1992**  
*Juris Doctorate (with distinction)*
  - Best Brief and Best Oral Argument Awards-First Year Moot Court Competition
  - Book Award (highest grade in class)-Constitutional Law II and Remedies
  - J. Richard Oexmann Criminal Law Writing Scholarship for criminal law paper

- **Bellarmino University** **Louisville, KY** **2003**  
*M.B.A.*
- **Secretary of State** **Frankfort, KY** **1996-2004**
- **Dale Carnegie Training** **Louisville, KY** **1987-1992**  
Served as Graduate Assistant for public speaking and human relations course for six courses over a five year period.

### **Boards & Committees**

- The Healing Place in Louisville, KY, Board of Directors,
- University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, Board of Directors
- Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts, Advisory Council
- Louisville Science Center, Board of Directors
- This I Believe, Board Member
- STAR Board (Autism), Board of Directors
- KYGreenTV, Advisory Board Member
- Rooibee Red Tea, Advisory Board Member
- Kentucky Lawyers Helping Lawyers, Member
- Governor's Recovery Kentucky Task Force for fighting substance abuse, Member
- World Equestrian Games, Louisville Host Committee, Member
- Merit System Task Force recommending reforms for Kentucky's Merit System, Member
- Governor's Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Co-Chairman
- National Election Standards Task Force for election reform, Member
- Held numerous chairmanships for elections and business services committees for NASS (National Association of Secretaries of State)
  - Vice-President, Southern Region, Emeritus Member

### **Awards and Honors**

- Who's Who in America
- American Council of Young Political Leaders
- Named one of Kentucky's 43 "Power Elite" by *Lane Report*
- Named one of *Business First's* "40 under 40" future business and civic leaders for Louisville
- Gallery of Distinguished Graduates, Bellarmine University
- Numerous awards for improving efficiency and quality of services provided by the Secretary of State's Office
- Leadership Louisville Class of 2006-Connector's Project
  - Selected one of Louisville Metro's 128 most trusted leaders

### **Media & Public Relations**

- Written numerous columns published in *Courier-Journal*, *Lexington Herald-Leader*, *Frankfort Journal*, *Kentucky Post*, *Business First* and other Kentucky publications

- Appeared on radio talk shows at dozens of Kentucky radio stations across state, as well as NPR's *All Things Considered* and *The Diane Rehm Show*
- Appeared on CNN *Inside Politics*, C-Span, Sue Wylie's TV show, Bill Bryant's *Newsmakers*, Bill Goodman's *Kentucky Tonight* show and other television talk shows across state
- Contributor for The Recovering Politician blog

### **Personal**

- Married to Rebecca Brown (19 years). Children-John Y. Brown IV, age 17 and Margaret Sarah Brown, age 13.
- Second Presbyterian Church, Member