

Thom Browne Jr. Resume

Thom Browne Jr, MA Criminal Justice, is the CEO of the international organization Colombo Plan.

He is an internationally-recognized expert in the demand reduction and criminal justice fields, having created substance use treatment systems and prevention programs in over 70 countries and international law enforcement academies on 5 continents during his twenty-five-year career at the U.S. Department of State/INL. Earlier in his Federal career, Browne served at the Drug Enforcement Administration where he developed strategies, designed programs, and authored research/intelligence reports addressing the original fentanyl /synthetic heroin and crack cocaine epidemics in the 1980s. He finished his DEA service as Chief of the Latin American Intelligence section where he authored the Reagan Administration's cocaine strategy.

At INL, Browne also supported the formation of the International Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP), the International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM), the regional therapeutic community federations (AFTC, FLACT), and the Drug Prevention Network of the Americas (DPNA). In 2014, Browne was a finalist for the prestigious Service to America Medal for Career Achievement in the Federal government. Upon his retirement from INL in 2015, he was given a Career Achievement award by the Secretary of State.

His recent research with the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Colombo Plan has helped re-define the opioid and stimulant epidemics in the U.S. and regional epidemics worldwide, uncovering emerging trends in illicit drug formulation that jeopardize the health of substance users worldwide.