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## **SNELL & WILMER CLOSES INNOVATIVE JOINT VENTURE TRANSACTION FOR BRANDMAN UNIVERSITY**

**ORANGE COUNTY (February 27, 2012)** – Snell & Wilmer Irvine-based nonprofit client, Brandman University (a private institution within the Chapman University System), entered into an innovative joint venture with a \$100 million private equity fund, University Ventures, to create a new college providing Dual Language English Immersion degree programs for native Spanish speakers. The initiative combines the strengths of a well-regarded, accredited nonprofit educational institution with the financial capital of private equity to expand higher education to an underserved and important community.

“Snell & Wilmer is proud to have been a part of this novel deal, as it presented an interesting opportunity to align the objectives and efforts of both a nonprofit university and a private equity fund,” said [Jim Scheinkman](#), the lead attorney who worked with Brandman University on this joint venture.

Brandman University serves about 11,000 students on 26 campuses in California and Washington. Its new program, which it is hoping to start this fall, would be provided on some of its campuses aimed specifically at Hispanic students, who have not mastered English, to improve the Hispanic population’s access to higher education.

University Ventures Fund is focused on creating partnerships with leading schools and universities to jointly develop innovative higher education programs.

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