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SEIA President and CEO Brian Holmes Recognized in Barron's State-by-State Rankings; Receives

Achieving Client Excellence Award from John Hancock Financial Network

Los Angeles, CA – March 14, 2012 – <u>Signature Estate and Investment Advisors</u>, LLC (SEIA), a full service wealth management firm headquartered in Southern California managing more than \$2.1 billion in client assets as of December 31, 2011, continues momentum in 2012 with accolades from Barron's and the <u>John Hancock</u> Financial Network (JHFN).

The firm's president and CEO, Brian Holmes, has once again been recognized by Barron's, ranking #76 on its 2012 Top Advisor Rankings: California list. Barron's also recognized him as the #25 advisor in the United States on its "Top 100 Independent Wealth Advisors" list.

This month Holmes was also acknowledged by the JHFN as one of the top financial professionals in the nation, receiving its *Achieving Client Excellence* award -- given to 10 professionals each year. Holmes, and the nine others named, will form the JHFN's President's Roundtable advisory group. "We are very proud of Brian's many achievements. He's earned recognition for his work as a financial advisor and for his commitment to client service excellence, and is truly an asset to our network," said Brian Heapps, president, JHFN.

"I'm pleased to be recognized by both the John Hancock Financial Network and Barron's Magazine as I believe both accolades reinforce our firm's focus on providing the highest caliber of service to our clients," says Holmes. "Joining the President's Roundtable allows SEIA to share its thought leadership and field insights with executive management at JHFN, we're eager to participate."

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