Mr. Murfin earned degrees in Business and Mechanical Engineering. He worked for Amoco Production Company after graduation. He joined the family drilling business in 1978 as Drilling Manager, becoming a third generation President in 1992. In addition to being the largest Kansas-based drilling contractor, Murfin Drilling Company also operates well service units and explores for oil and gas along with operating approximately 800 producing wells. In 1998, Murfin Drilling and Vess Oil partnered to buy the bulk of the El Dorado field from OXY Petroleum who had owned the field since its discovery in the 1910s by OXY’s predecessors.