I. Jon Brumley
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I. Jon Brumley was raised in Austin, Texas and graduated from the University of Texas in 1961. He received an MBA degree from the Wharton Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania. Brumley began his energy career with Southland Royalty Company as a risk analyst in 1967 and became its President in 1974. When that company was sold in 1985 to Burlington Northern Railroad, Brumley co-founded XTO Energy in 1986 to focus on the acquisition and development of long-lived oil and gas properties. XTO created the Cross Timbers Royalty Trust by carving out non-operated producing properties and selling one half the shares in the public market and distributing the other half to the original investors. Both the company and the trust are listed on the NYSE. Soon after XTO Energy went public in 1993, Brumley accepted the position of Chairman and CEO of MESA, Inc. in 1996. MESA merged with Parker Parsley to become Pioneer Natural Resources Company. In 1998, Brumley resigned from Pioneer as Executive Chairman and, with his son and other partners, co-founded Encore Acquisition Company, which went public in 2001. Most recently, Encore Acquisition Company was sold to Denbury Resources. Over the course of his career, Brumley has listed eight companies on the New York Stock Exchange and was a founder in all but two. Brumley also devotes time to other philanthropic ventures. He was instrumental in merging Fort Worth’s two children’s hospitals. In 1980, Brumley served as chairman of a committee to oversee the elimination of the mandated Fort Worth Independent School District busing court order. Appointed by Governor Mark White, he also
served as chair to the Texas State Board of Education in 1984. The charge of this appointed Board was to make sweeping changes in education, including establish extensive student and teacher testing programs, a teacher appraisal system, and improved programs for at-risk, gifted, disadvantaged and minority students, among others. Together with his wife Becky, Brumley founded the Red Oak Foundation in 1991. The foundation initially provided four year scholarships to students planning to become public school teachers in Texas. In 1997, that mission expanded to spread the benefits of books to disadvantaged children, laying a foundation for reading readiness and involving parents. Today Brumley serves as a member of the M.D. Anderson Board of Advisors, the McCombs Advisory Board, the Littlefield Society, and the Chancellors Council.