

**Earl M. Knighton, Jr.**  
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Mr. Knighton holds a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He joined his father, Earl Knighton, in 1980. They formed Knighton Oil Company, Inc. in 1983. He gained full operation of the company in 1987. Knighton Oil purchased producing properties from Texaco, Cities Service, Kaiser-Francis and majority interest in a rotary rig known as Summit Drilling Company that drills in South Central Kansas. He is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) and Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES), having served as Chairman of the Wichita SPE. The company maintains a complete yard, shop and engine overhaul facility in Hays, Kansas.