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Ben Sebree is an attorney with a practice focused on governmental, regulatory, energy, and environmental counsel, advocacy, and lobbying with Sebree & Tintera, LLC, a firm which he co-founded with John Tintera in 2012. Previously, Mr. Sebree was Vice President for Governmental Affairs and General Counsel for the Texas Oil and Gas Association which was formed in 1919 and is the only association which represents all segments of the oil and gas industry operating in Texas. Its members account for approximately 92% of all the oil and natural gas produced in Texas, 100% of the state's refining capacity, and a vast majority of the pipeline mileage in Texas.

Mr. Sebree led the efforts to develop, coordinate, and implement the governmental, regulatory, advocacy, and community affairs activities of the oil & gas industry's principal association in Texas. Under his leadership, Mr. Sebree took the Texas Oil and Gas Association, then an important but somewhat average state industry association, and transformed it into what it is today: the most powerful and effective association in Texas, a state that is, in its own right, ranked within the top fifteen economies in the world.

Mr. Sebree managed the Governmental Affairs Division as a profit center for the industry. He pro-actively devised legislative, regulatory, and commercial strategies that saved, literally, billions of dollars in taxes, gained the industry significant state and federal incentives, created revenue and profit enhancing opportunities, and facilitated changes to legislation through creative negotiation and drafting that met the needs of both the regulators and the regulated but in a way that either eased the changes or actually improved conditions for the industry.

The Governor of Texas appointed Mr. Sebree to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission in 2009. Mr. Sebree was elected by its members to the Governing Council of the Oil, Gas, and Energy Resources Section of the State Bar of Texas in 2006. Mr. Sebree is well published and is frequently called upon to speak at energy, industry, and public events. He earned a BA from The University of Texas at Austin and a JD from the University of Houston Law Center. He is licensed to practice in Texas as well as the federal Western District of Texas. He and his wife, Chrisy, have three boys born in 1987, 1994, and 1995.

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