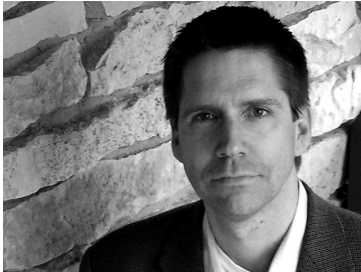


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H. Richard Hagen, CPA, JD, is an Independent Consultant with The Sargent Consulting Group, LLC. For over a decade, Rich has been an attorney practicing in the areas of structured finance, securities, general corporate law and mergers and acquisitions. Rich's client base was comprised of numerous financial institutions and national investment banks for whom he conducted structured finance transactions related to exempt facility financings of solid waste disposal facilities, pollution control facilities and environmental facilities involving utility cooperatives, clean renewable energy bonds (CREBs) and single or multi-family housing.

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