

BLACKROCK DEBT STRATEGIES FUND, INC.

Form 3

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

WILLIAMS MARK J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

40 EAST 52ND STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
 10/02/2006

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BLACKROCK DEBT STRATEGIES FUND, INC.  
 [DSU]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 Portfolio Manager

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |         |                   |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other             |
| WILLIAMS MARK J<br>40 EAST 52ND STREET<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Â             | Â         | Â       | Portfolio Manager |

## Signatures

/s/ Janey Ahn as  
Attorney-in-Fact

06/20/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

### No securities are beneficially owned

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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