

Hart Leland  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>^ Hart Leland</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>40 EAST 52ND STREET</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>NEW YORK, NY 10022</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>05/08/2009</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>BLACKROCK DEBT STRATEGIES FUND, INC.</p> <p>[DSU]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>Portfolio Manager</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

<p>1. Title of Security</p> <p>(Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned</p> <p>(Instr. 4)</p>	<p>3. Ownership Form:</p> <p>Direct (D)              or Indirect (I)</p> <p>(Instr. 5)</p>	<p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership</p> <p>(Instr. 5)</p>
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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)**

<p>1. Title of Derivative Security</p> <p>(Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>Date Exercisable      Expiration Date</p>	<p>3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security</p> <p>(Instr. 4)</p> <p>Title      Amount or Number of Shares</p>	<p>4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</p>	<p>5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:</p> <p>Direct (D)              or Indirect (I)</p>	<p>6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership</p> <p>(Instr. 5)</p>
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Hart Leland 40 EAST 52ND STREET NEW YORK, NY 10022	Â	Â	Â		Portfolio Manager
Marshall Adrian C 40 EAST 52ND STREET NEW YORK, NY 10022	Â	Â	Â		Portfolio Manager
Keenan James 40 EAST 52ND STREET NEW YORK, NY 10022	Â	Â	Â		Portfolio Manager

## Signatures

/s/ Janey Ahn as  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/14/2009

\_\_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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