

CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND

Form 4

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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CALAMOS JOHN P SR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND [CSQ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2020 CALAMOS COURT  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/09/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
president and chairman

NAPERVILLE, IL 60563

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| COMMON                          | 01/09/2006                           |  | P                              |   | 3,100   | A  | \$ 13.96  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,100   | I  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | by J & L Capital, LLC <sup>(1)</sup>                  |
| COMMON                          | 01/09/2006                           |  | P                              |   | 31,000  | A  | \$ 13.97  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 34,100  | I  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | by J & L Capital, LLC <sup>(1)</sup>                  |
| COMMON                          | 01/09/2006                           |  | P                              |   | 9,600   | A  | \$ 13.98  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 43,700  | I  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | by J & L Capital, LLC <sup>(1)</sup>                  |
| COMMON                          | 01/09/2006                           |  | P                              |   | 1,900   | A  | \$ 13.99  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 45,600  | I  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | by J & L Capital,                                     |

|        |            |   |     |   |       |        |   |  |
|--------|------------|---|-----|---|-------|--------|---|--|
| COMMON | 01/09/2006 | P | 200 | A | \$ 14 | 45,800 | I | LLC <sup>(1)</sup><br>by J & L<br>Capital,<br>LLC <sup>(1)</sup> |
| COMMON |            |   |     |   |       | 77,750 | D |  |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| CALAMOS JOHN P SR<br>2020 CALAMOS COURT<br>NAPERVILLE, IL 60563 | X             |           | president<br>and<br>chairman |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John P.  
Calamos, Sr. 01/10/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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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- (1) The reporting person is a managing member of the limited liability company that owns the reported securities. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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