

BLACKROCK DEBT STRATEGIES FUND, INC.

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 \*  
Keenan James

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BLACKROCK DEBT STRATEGIES FUND, INC. [DSU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
55 EAST 52ND STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/09/2013

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

NEW YORK, NY 10055

4. 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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/09/2013                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 979 A <u>(1)</u> 4,479  |   | 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)**

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| 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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |         |                   |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other             |
| Keenan James<br>55 EAST 52ND STREET<br>NEW YORK, NY 10055 |               |           |         | Portfolio Manager |

## Signatures

/s/ Eugene Drozdetski as Attorney-in-Fact 12/17/2013

\*\*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).
- Effective as of December 9, 2013, BlackRock Strategic Bond Trust (the "Target Fund") was reorganized into BlackRock Debt Strategies Fund, Inc. (the "Acquiring Fund," and such reorganization, the "Reorganization"). In the Reorganization, common shareholders of the Target Fund received common shares of the Acquiring Fund having a value equal to the aggregate NAV of the Target Fund common (1) shares surrendered as determined at the close of business on December 6, 2013, less the costs of the Reorganization. As of December 6, 2013, the Target Fund reported a NAV per share of \$14.3536 and the Acquiring Fund reported a NAV per share of \$4.3975. The conversion ratio for the Target Fund's common shares was 3.26403638. In the Reorganization, Mr. Keenan received 979 common shares of the Acquiring Fund in exchange for his 300 common shares of the Target Fund.

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