

Crothers Robert  
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**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 \*

Â Crothers Robert

(Last) (First) (Middle)

55 EAST 52ND STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10055

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
05/22/2012

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

BLACKROCK DEBT STRATEGIES FUND, INC.  
[DSU]

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer \_\_\_\_ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ 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 Expiration Title Amount or  
Exercisable Date Shares

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|                                                              | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| Crothers Robert<br>55 EAST 52ND STREET<br>NEW YORK, NY 10055 | Â             | Â         | Â Vice President | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Noah Gellner as  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/25/2012

\_\_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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### Remarks:

No securities are beneficially owned.

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