

CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND

Form 5

December 14, 2009

FORM 5**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Calamos Advisors LLC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2020 CALAMOS COURT

(Street)

NAPERVILLE, IL 60563

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Statement of Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended
(Month/Day/Year)
10/31/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ☒ Other (specify below)
Investment Adviser

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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Person

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	12/14/09				23,014.077 (1)	D	

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
					(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 Advisors LLC 2020 CALAMOS COURT NAPERVILLE, IL 60563	Investment Adviser

Signatures

/s/ James J. Boyne, SVP, General Counsel
12/14/2009
**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).
- (1) Includes 2,799.8842 shares acquired between November 2008 and October 2009 under Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund dividend reinvestment plan.

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