

CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND

Form 5

December 12, 2008

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 JOHN P SR

(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)
10/31/2008

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)
President and Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

☒ Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â Â	108,272.562 (1)	I	by John P. Calamos 1985 Trust
Common	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â Â	45,800	I	by J&L Capital LLC (2)

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. ot D S B O E I F (I
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
					(A) (D)				

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CALAMOS JOHN P SR 2020 CALAMOS COURT NAPERVILLE, IL 60563	Â X	Â	Â President and Chairman	Â

Signatures

/s/ John P.
Calamos, Sr. 12/12/2008

__Signature of
Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 11,261.742 shares acquired between November 2007 and October 2008 under the Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund dividend reinvestment plan.
- (2) The reporting person is 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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