

BLACKROCK DEBT STRATEGIES FUND, INC.

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 *
Castellano Michael J

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)

NEW YORK, NY 10055
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/09/2013 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V 2,435 A ① | 4,935 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/09/2013 | | J ⁽²⁾ | V 2,611 A ② | 7,546 | 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 Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | 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 |
| Castellano Michael J 55 EAST 52ND STREET NEW YORK, NY 10055 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Eugene Drozdetski as
Attorney-in-Fact
**Signature of Reporting Person

12/17/2013
Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Effective as of December 9, 2013, BlackRock Senior High Income Fund, Inc. (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

(1) common 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 \$4.2848 and the Acquiring Fund reported a NAV per share of \$4.3975. The conversion ratio for the Target Fund's common shares was 0.97437180. In the Reorganization, Mr. Castellano received 2435 common shares of the Acquiring Fund in exchange for his 2500 common shares of the Target Fund.

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

(2) 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. Castellano received 2611 common shares of the Acquiring Fund in exchange for his 800 common shares of the Target Fund.

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