

## CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND

Form 5

December 13, 2011

**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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement of Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/31/2011

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
President and Chairman

2020 CALAMOS COURT

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

NAPERVILLE, IL 60563

☒ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned at end of<br>Issuer's Fiscal<br>Year<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common                                | Â                                       | Â                                                           | Â                                       | Â Â Â Â                                                                    | 142,114.371<br>(1)                                                                                           | I                                                                       | by John P.<br>Calamos<br>1985<br>Trust                            |
| Common                                | Â                                       | Â                                                           | Â                                       | Â Â Â Â                                                                    | 45,800 (2)                                                                                                   | I                                                                       | by J&L<br>Capital<br>LLC                                          |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. ot<br>D<br>Se<br>Bo<br>O<br>Er<br>Is<br>Fi<br>(I |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares              |
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A) (D)                                                                                                            |                                                                |                                                                           |                                                     |                                                     |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ John P.  
Calamos, Sr. 12/13/2011

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 9,488.879 shares acquired between November 2010 and October 2011 under Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund dividend reinvestment plan.
- The reporting person is managing member of the limited liability company that owns the reported securities. The reporting person
- (2) disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. The limited liability company that owns the reported securities is not a participant of the Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund dividend reinvestment plan.

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