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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mickey Mark			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND [CSQ]			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	00/30/2003	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Origin Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
2020 CALA	(Street)	URT		(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group		
NAPERVII	LLE, ILÂ	. 60563		Director 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) chief compliance officer	Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City) (State) (Zip)

1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) 3.
Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Ì	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mickey Mark

2020 CALAMOS COURT chief compliance officer NAPERVILLE, ILÂ 60563

Signatures

/s/ Mark J. Mickey 11/14/2005

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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