

FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND

Form 3

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Â MCDERMOTT JOSEPH D  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/10/2006

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND  
 [FHI]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

FIRST TRUST ADVISORS  
 L.P.,Â 1001 WARRENVILLE  
 ROAD, SUITE 300  
 (Street)

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 Officer-Investment Adviser

LISLE,Â ILÂ 60532  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares	0	D	Â

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)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCDERMOTT JOSEPH D FIRST TRUST ADVISORS L.P. 1001 WARRENVILLE ROAD, SUITE 300 LISLE, IL 60532	Â	Â	Â	Officer-Investment Adviser

## Signatures

/s/ Joseph D. McDermott, by W. Scott Jardine, attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a Power of Attorney 11/15/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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