

Garfin Mitchell
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 Garfin Mitchell

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)
 01/31/2019

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Portfolio Manager

NEW YORK, NY 10055

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/31/2019 | | M | 1,270.3 | A <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> 1,270.3 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/31/2019 | | D | 1,270.3 | \$ <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> 10.49 0 | 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number of Shares |
| Phantom Shares | <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u> | 01/31/2019 | | A | 9,008.58 | <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u> | <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 9,008 |
| Phantom Shares | <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | 01/31/2019 | | M | 1,270.3 | <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 1,270 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Garfin Mitchell 55 EAST 52ND STREET NEW YORK, NY 10055 | | | Portfolio Manager | |

Signatures

/s/ Kiersten Zaza as Attorney-in-Fact
02/04/2019
**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) A phantom share is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock and, subject to the applicable vesting requirements, becomes payable in cash.
 - (2) As previously reported on a Form 4 dated February 2, 2017, the Reporting Person was granted phantom shares on January 31, 2017 payable in cash on vesting, which occurs in equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.
 - (3) These phantom shares vest in equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the award.

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