

FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
Â GULLEY JOAN L			07/25/2005	FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND [FHI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
ONE PNC PLAZA,Â 249 FIFTH AVENUE				(Check all applicable)	
	(Street)			___ Director ___ 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
PITTSBURGH,Â PAÂ 15222-2707				___ Officer ___ X ___ Other (give title below) (specify below)	_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Director of Subadvisor	___ 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)
No Securities Owned	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 Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title			

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

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GULLEY JOAN L ONE PNC PLAZA 249 FIFTH AVENUE PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-2707	^	^	^	Director of Subadvisor

## Signatures

Joan L. Gulley	07/25/2005
**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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