FIRST TRUST/GALLATIN SPECIALTY FINANCE & FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Â DAHL PATRICIA A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

CONFLUENCE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC,Â 349 MARSHALL AVENUE, SUITE 302

(Street)

ST. LOUIS,Â MOÂ 63119

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
08/01/2008

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST TRUST/GALLATIN SPECIALTY FINANCE & FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND [FGB]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer __X__ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Officer-Investment Sub-Adviser

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAHL PATRICIA A CONFLUENCE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC 349 MARSHALL AVENUE, SUITE 302 ST. LOUIS,Â MOÂ 63119	Â	Â	Â	Officer-Investment Sub-Adviser

Signatures

/s/ Patricia A. Dahl by Kristi A. Maher, attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a Power of Attorney	08/06/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

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