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Form N-PX

August 31, 2009

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-PX

ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act File No. 811-21756

First Trust Strategic High Income Fund

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Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Declaration of Trust

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400, Wheaton, Illinois 60187

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Address of Principal Executive Offices (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)

W. Scott Jardine  
First Trust Portfolios L.P.  
120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

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Name and Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code) of Agent for Service

(630) 765-8000

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Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code

Date of fiscal year end: October 31  
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Date of reporting period: July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009  
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D.C. 20549. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. Section 3507.

Item 1. Proxy Voting Record

The Registrant did not receive any proxies and accordingly did not vote any proxies during the reporting period on behalf of the Fund.

SIGNATURES

[See General Instruction F]

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND  
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By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ James A. Bowen  
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James A. Bowen, President

Date August 31, 2009  
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\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.