

Salomon Brothers Variable Rate Strategic Fund Inc.  
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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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(Print or Type Responses)

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|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *                          |  |  | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  |  |
| ^ Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC<br>(Last) (First) (Middle) |  |  | (Month/Day/Year)                     | Salomon Brothers Variable Rate Strategic Fund Inc.<br>[GFY]   |  |
| 399 PARK AVENUE  |  |  | 08/01/2006                           | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  |
| (Street)   |  |  |                                      | (Check all applicable)  |  |
| NEW YORK, ^ NY ^ 10022   |  |  |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below) (specify below)<br>Advisor to the Fund |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)   |  |  |                                      | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |  |
|  |  |  |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  |  |
|  |  |  |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person   |  |

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

|                                    |  |   |  |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|

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<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|   | Date Exercisable    Expiration Date                         | Title    Amount or Number of Shares  |  |  |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |                     |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other               |
| Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC<br>399 PARK AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 | ^             | ^         | ^       | Advisor to the Fund |
| LEGG MASON INC<br>100 LIGHT ST<br>BALTIMORE, MD 21202-1476                     | ^             | ^         | ^       | Parent of Advisor   |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| William J. Renahan by Power of Attorney for Mark Fetting of Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC | 08/01/2006 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person   | Date       |
| William J. Renahan by Power of Attorney for Mark Fetting of Legg Mason, Inc.                      | 08/01/2006 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person   | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

### No securities are beneficially owned

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

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