

LEHMAN BROTHERS FIRST TRUST INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND  
 Form 3  
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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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|   |         |          |   |   |  |
|---|---------|----------|---|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         |          | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol        |  |
| Â NEUBERGER BERMAN INC                    |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)  | LEHMAN BROTHERS FIRST TRUST INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND [LBC] |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) | 03/01/2007  |   |  |
| 605 THIRD AVE                             |         |          | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |   |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |          | (Check all applicable)  |   |  |
| NEW YORK, NY 10158-3698                   |         |          | <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>Affil. of Adv. |   |  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |   |  |
|   |         |          | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  |   |  |
|   |         |          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  |   |  |
|   |         |          | <input 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) |
|---|--|---|--|
| Shares of beneficial interest, no par value | 0 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>                          | 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<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)<br><br>Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                     |                    |                                  |                                  |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |                |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|----------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other          |
| NEUBERGER BERMAN INC<br>605 THIRD AVE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10158-3698 | Â             | Â         | Â       | Affil. of Adv. |

## Signatures

/s/ Neuberger Berman Inc. by its Attorney-in-Fact Jennifer Gonzalez 03/12/2007

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Neuberger Berman Inc. is filing this Form 3 on its own behalf and on behalf of all of its subsidiaries other than Neuberger Berman Management, Inc., which (i) is a Reporting Person with respect to the Issuer and (ii) has filed an individual report on Form 3.
- (2) The Reporting Person is filing this report solely because it is a control person of the Issuer's Investment Adviser.

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