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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT
INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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DREYFUS STRATEGIC MUNICIPALS, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of reporting period: 09/30/07

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Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

Dreyfus Strategic Municipals, Inc.

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The Fund collects a variety of nonpublic personal information, which may include:

- Information we receive from you, such as your name, address, and social security number.
- Information about your transactions with us, such as the purchase or sale of Fund shares.
- Information we receive from agents and service providers, such as proxy voting information.

THE FUND DOES NOT SHARE NONPUBLIC PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH ANYONE, EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY LAW.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

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**Dreyfus
Strategic Municipals, Inc.**

A LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear Shareholder:

We are pleased to present this annual report for Dreyfus Strategic Municipals, Inc., covering the 12-month period from October 1, 2006, through September 30, 2007.

After an extended period of relative stability, fixed-income markets encountered heightened volatility during the reporting period as the credit cycle appeared to shift to a new phase. Turmoil in the U.S. sub-prime mortgage sector that began in late February spread to other areas of the economy over the summer, causing investors to reassess their attitudes toward risk. The ensuing "flight to quality" caused bond prices to fall sharply in the market's more credit-sensitive areas. While we saw no overall change in the underlying credit fundamentals of municipal bonds, the tax-exempt market was nonetheless affected by liquidity concerns. To help restore liquidity, the Federal Reserve Board cut key short-term interest rates in August and September. Investors reacted favorably to the Fed's moves, and municipal bond prices began to rebound.

We believe that these developments have created opportunities to purchase municipal bonds at more attractive prices and yields than have been available for some time. Since each investor's situation is unique, we encourage you to talk about these investment matters with your financial advisor, who can help you make the right adjustments for your portfolio.

For information about how the fund performed during the reporting period, as well as market perspectives, we have provided a Discussion of Fund Performance given by the fund's Portfolio Manager.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Thomas F. Eggers
Chief Executive Officer
The Dreyfus Corporation
October 15, 2007

DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period of October 1, 2006, through September 30, 2007, as provided by W. Michael Petty, Senior Portfolio Manager

Fund and Market Performance Overview

After trading within a relatively finite range for most of the reporting period, a liquidity crisis over the summer of 2007 led to sharp declines in the municipal bond market. However, bond prices rebounded somewhat in late August and September, enabling the market to post a positive absolute return for the reporting period overall. The fund's performance was driven primarily by its focus on investment-grade, income-oriented securities, which generally held up better during the downturn than other types of tax-exempt bonds.

For the 12-month period ended September 30, 2007, Dreyfus Strategic Municipals achieved a total return of 1.62% (on a net asset value basis).¹ During the same period, the fund provided income dividends of \$0.50 per share, which is equal to a distribution rate of 5.77%.²

The Fund's Investment Approach

The fund's investment objective is to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in municipal obligations. Generally, the fund invests at least 50% of its net assets in municipal bonds considered investment grade or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus in the case of bonds, and in the two highest-rating categories or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus in the case of short-term obligations having or deemed to have maturities of less than one year.

To this end, we have constructed a portfolio derived from seeking income opportunities through analysis of each bond's structure, including paying close attention to each bond's yield, maturity and early redemption features.

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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE *(continued)*

Over time, many of the fund's relatively higher-yielding bonds mature or are redeemed by their issuers, and we generally attempt to replace those bonds, as opportunities arise, with investments consistent with the fund's investment policies. When we believe an opportunity exists, we also may seek to upgrade the portfolio's investments with newly issued bonds that, in our opinion, have better structural or income characteristics than existing holdings.

A Strong Market Rebound Offset Previous Declines

A moderate economic slowdown, mild inflation and stable short-term interest rates helped keep municipal bond prices within a relatively narrow range over the first eight months of the reporting period. Municipal bond prices also were supported by robust investor demand and sound fiscal conditions for most states and municipalities. However, market conditions changed dramatically over the summer of 2007, when turmoil in the sub-prime mortgage sector of the taxable bond market spread to other fixed-income sectors. Although we saw no evidence of credit deterioration among municipal bond issuers, the tax-exempt market was affected by selling pressure from highly leveraged hedge funds and other institutional investors, which needed to raise cash for redemption requests and margin calls. In the immediate aftermath of the summertime decline, tax-exempt bonds traded at their highest yield levels in more than three years.

Bouts of reduced ready liquidity throughout the U.S. bond market prompted the Federal Reserve Board (the "Fed") to cut both the discount rate and the federal funds rate late in the reporting period, the first reductions in short-term rates in more than four years. On average, the municipal bond market responded favorably to the Fed's actions, sparking a rally that, by the reporting period's end, erased some, but not all, of its earlier losses. However, the rally was less pronounced at the longer end of the tax-exempt market's maturity spectrum, where the fund primarily focuses.

A Focus on Income Bolstered Fund Performance

Our security selection strategy primarily emphasized income-oriented bonds, including those selling at modest premiums to their face values. These "cushion" bonds helped shelter the fund from the full brunt of the market's summertime decline. In addition, because many of these bonds include provisions for early redemption, the fund's average duration was shorter than industry averages, which also helped protect the fund from heightened market volatility. On the other hand, the fund's leveraging strategy during the reporting period proved to be less effective than usual, primarily due to historically narrow yield differences between auction rate preferred stock and long-term municipal bonds.

Maintaining a Conservative Investment Posture

In our view, ongoing market volatility may provide opportunities to purchase long-term municipal bonds at relatively attractive prices. Still, we generally have retained a relatively defensive investment posture, including an emphasis on long-term, income-oriented bonds from issuers that have demonstrated good quality and liquidity characteristics. We also have maintained rigorous credit standards, and our credit analysts help ensure that candidates for investment contain certain covenants designed to protect bondholders. In our view, these are prudent strategies in today's changing economic and market environments.

October 15, 2007

- ¹ *Total return includes reinvestment of dividends and any capital gains paid, based upon net asset value per share. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Market price per share, net asset value per share and investment return fluctuate. Income may be subject to state and local taxes, and some income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax (AMT) for certain investors. Capital gains, if any, are fully taxable. Return figure provided reflects the absorption of certain fund expenses by The Dreyfus Corporation pursuant to an agreement in effect until October 31, 2007, at which time it may be extended, modified or terminated. Had these expenses not been absorbed, the fund's return would have been lower.*
- ² *Distribution rate per share is based upon dividends per share paid from net investment income during the period, divided by the market price per share at the end of the period.*

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SELECTED INFORMATION

September 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

Market Price per share September 30, 2007	\$8.74
Shares Outstanding September 30, 2007	60,720,834
New York Stock Exchange Ticker Symbol	LEO

MARKET PRICE (NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE)

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2007

Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended
December 31, 2006	March 31, 2007	June 30, 2007	September 30, 2007

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High	\$9.50	\$9.75	\$9.70	\$9.54
Low	9.12	9.27	9.05	8.26
Close	9.26	9.56	9.47	8.74

PERCENTAGE GAIN (LOSS) based on change in Market Price*

September 23, 1987 (commencement of operations) through September 30, 2007	259.74%
October 1, 1997 through September 30, 2007	57.88
October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2007	20.02
October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007	0.46
January 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007	(1.72)
April 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007	(6.04)
July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007	(6.40)

NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE

September 23, 1987 (commencement of operations)	\$ 9.32
September 30, 2006	9.46
December 31, 2006	9.50
March 31, 2007	9.47
June 30, 2007	9.25
September 30, 2007	9.12

PERCENTAGE GAIN based on change in Net Asset Value*

September 23, 1987 (commencement of operations) through September 30, 2007	302.31%
October 1, 1997 through September 30, 2007	74.50
October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2007	34.99
October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007	1.62
January 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007	(0.14)
April 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007	(1.13)
July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007	(0.11)

* With dividends reinvested.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

September 30, 2007

Long-Term Municipal Investments	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Alabama	5.4%			

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Houston County Health Care Authority, GO (Insured; AMBAC)	6.25	10/1/09	8,000,000 ^a	8,496,880
Jefferson County, Limited Obligation School Warrants	5.25	1/1/18	16,000,000	16,982,880
Jefferson County, Limited Obligation School Warrants	5.50	1/1/22	4,000,000	4,270,840
Alaska 3.7%				
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, General Mortgage Revenue (Insured; MBIA)	6.00	6/1/49	4,000,000	4,116,600
Arizona 3.7%				
Arizona Health Facilities Authority, Health Care Facilities Revenue (The Beatitudes Campus Project)	5.10	10/1/22	3,000,000	2,817,180
Maricopa County Pollution Control Corporation, PCR (Public Service Company of New Mexico Palo Verde Project)	5.75	11/1/22	6,000,000	6,036,960
Navajo County Industrial Development Authority, IDR (Stone Container Corporation Project)	7.40	4/1/26	1,585,000	1,608,331
Scottsdale Industrial Development Authority, HR (Scottsdale Healthcare)	5.80	12/1/11	6,000,000 ^a	6,561,720
Tucson, Water System Revenue (Insured; FGIC)	5.00	7/1/12	3,500,000 ^a	3,717,840
Arkansas 5.5%				
Arkansas Development Finance Authority, SFMR (Mortgage Backed Securities Program) (Collateralized: FNMA and GNMA)	6.25	1/1/32	2,500,000	2,553,075
California 14.1%				
California, GO	5.25	4/1/34	5,000	5,212
California, GO (Various Purpose)	5.50	4/1/14	3,385,000 ^a	3,766,625

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Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
California (continued)				
California, GO (Various Purpose)	5.00	9/1/30	10,000,000	10,219,900
California, GO (Various Purpose)	5.00	3/1/32	5,000,000	5,093,800
California, GO (Various Purpose)	5.00	9/1/32	8,000,000	8,154,320
California, GO (Various Purpose) (Insured; AMBAC)	4.25	12/1/35	8,000,000	7,337,600
California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue (Cedars-Sinai Medical Center)	5.00	11/15/34	5,000,000	5,011,300
California Pollution Control Financing Authority, SWDR (Keller Canyon Landfill Company Project)	6.88	11/1/27	2,000,000	2,004,320
California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue (Bentley School)	6.75	7/1/32	2,000,000	2,134,060
Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	7.80	6/1/13	8,100,000 ^a	9,804,240
Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	7.90	6/1/13	2,000,000 ^a	2,430,040
Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	5.75	6/1/47	18,050,000	17,224,393
State Public Works Board of California, LR Department of General Services (Butterfield State Office Complex)	5.25	6/1/30	5,000,000	5,186,550
Colorado 4.6%				
Beacon Point Metropolitan District, GO	6.25	12/1/35	2,000,000	1,951,920
Colorado Health Facilities Authority, Revenue (American Baptist Homes of the Midwest Obligated Group)	5.90	8/1/37	3,000,000	2,966,490

Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Colorado (continued)				
Colorado Housing Finance Authority (Single Family Program) (Collateralized; FHA)	6.60	8/1/32	1,760,000	1,861,358
Denver City and County, Special Facilities Airport Revenue (United Air Lines Project)	5.75	10/1/32	5,000,000	4,957,400
Northwest Parkway Public Highway Authority, Revenue	7.13	6/15/41	10,750,000	11,268,258
Southlands Metropolitan District Number 1, GO	7.13	12/1/14	2,000,000 ^a	2,421,740
Florida 4.5%				
Deltona, Utilities System Revenue (Insured; MBIA)	5.13	10/1/27	6,000,000	6,206,640
Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Housing Revenue (Nelson Park Apartments) (Insured; FSA)	6.40	3/1/40	5,000	5,188
Jacksonville Economic Development Commission, Health Care Facilities Revenue (Florida Proton Therapy Institute Project)	6.25	9/1/27	3,500,000	3,630,760
Municipal Securities Trust Certificates (Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Housing Revenue) Nelson Park Apartments) (Insured; FSA)	6.40	3/1/40	12,375,000 ^{b,c}	12,839,392
Orange County Health Facilities Authority, HR (Orlando Regional Healthcare System)	6.00	10/1/09	45,000 ^a	47,534
Orange County Health Facilities Authority, HR (Orlando Regional Healthcare System)	6.00	10/1/26	1,955,000	2,021,157
Georgia 3.2%				
Brooks County Development Authority, Senior Health and Housing Facilities Revenue (Presbyterian Home, Quitman, Inc.) (Collateralized; GNMA)	5.70	1/20/39	4,445,000	4,760,150

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Georgia (continued)				
Fulton County Development Authority, Revenue (Georgia Tech North Avenue Apartments Project) (Insured; XLCA)	5.00	6/1/32	2,500,000	2,588,100
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Sales Tax Revenue (Third Indenture Series) (Insured; FGIC)	5.25	7/1/27	5,000,000	5,588,550
Milledgeville-Baldwin County Development Authority, Revenue (Georgia College and State Foundation)	6.00	9/1/13	2,090,000	2,352,462
Milledgeville-Baldwin County Development Authority, Revenue (Georgia College and State Foundation)	6.00	9/1/14	2,000,000 ^a	2,297,500
Hawaii 4%				
Hawaii Department of Transportation, Special Facility Revenue (Caterair International Corporation)	10.13	12/1/10	2,200,000	2,201,188
Idaho 6%				
Power County Industrial Development Corporation, SWDR (FMC Corporation Project)	6.45	8/1/32	3,250,000	3,401,580