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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Nicholas-Applegate Equity & Convertible Income Fund KASS JUSTIN (Month/Day/Year) [NIE] 09/05/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1345 AVENUE OF THE (Check all applicable) AMERICAS, 47TH FLOOR (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Director 10% Owner Officer _X__ Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Portfolio Manager Person NEW YORK, NYÂ 10105 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Ownership (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) NO SECURITIES BENEFICIALLY Â 0 D **OWNED** Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02)

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	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

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Amount or Derivative Number of Security Shares Security: Direct (D) or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KASS JUSTIN

1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS 47TH FLOOR

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Portfolio Manager

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10105

Signatures

/S/ THOMAS J. FUCCILLO, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR JUSTIN KASS

12/31/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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