

WEHMER EDWARD J

Form 4

January 30, 2012

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WEHMER EDWARD J

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP
[WTFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

454 BUENA ROAD

(Street)

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/26/2012

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

PRESIDENT

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/22/2011		G	900 D	\$ 0 0	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2012		A	4,262 A	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ 0	D	
Common Stock	01/27/2012		F	2,598 D	\$ 30.955 0	D	
Common Stock	01/28/2012		F	8,762 D	\$ 30.955 239,357	D	
Common Stock					7,348	I	by 401(k) Plan

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Common Stock	12/22/2011	G	900	D	\$ 0	46,376	I	by Spouse
Common Stock						4,950	I	FBO children

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.975	01/26/2012		A	13,424	<u>(2)</u> 01/26/2019	Common Stock	13,424

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WEHMER EDWARD J 454 BUENA ROAD LAKE FOREST, IL 60045	X PRESIDENT

Signatures

/s/David A. Dykstra,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/30/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Restricted Stock Units granted under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan - Shares become fully vested one year from the date of grant and will be converted into unrestricted shares of Common Stock within 40 days subsequent to the vesting date.

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- (2) Option shares granted in conjunction with award under the Company's Long-term Incentive program. Award shares vest at a rate of one-third on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.

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