WEHMER EDWARD J

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

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) 454 BUENA	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/06/2009	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person		
LAKE FORE	ST, IL 6004	5		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Code Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership **Following** or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 08/06/2009 M 22,000 A 0 D Stock 11.3333 Common 08/06/2009 S 22,000 D \$ 26.775 166,352 D Stock Common by 401(k) Ι 7,245 Stock Plan Common by 52,000 Stock **Spouse**

FBO

children

4,950

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

Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercis		d 7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur	
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Mondin Day/ Tear)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	` `			(Instr. 3 and	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.3333	08/06/2009		M	22,000	12/31/1999	10/28/2009	Common Stock	22

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
08/10/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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