Perry Christopher J Form 4 January 04, 2010

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Perry Christopher 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) C/O CIVC PARTNERS, 191 N. WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 1100	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2009	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
(Street) CHICAGO, IL 60606	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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State) (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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock Common	12/31/2009		Code V A	Amount (D) Price 571 (1) A \$ 27.75	(Instr. 3 and 4) 2,035 20,000	D I	by Spouse	
Stock Common Stock					15,750	I	FBO Minor	

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Perry Christopher J C/O CIVC PARTNERS 191 N. WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 1100 CHICAGO, IL 60606

X

Signatures

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

12/31/2009

**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) Shares earned for the fourth quarter of 2009 for services as a Director of the Company in accordance with the Directors Deferred Fee and Stock Plan approved by the Shareholders.

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