KILIAN BARBARA A

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KILIAN BARBARA A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
WINTRUST FINANCIAL [(WTFC)]		(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1417 SOUTH CLIFTON AVENUE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2005	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President-Finance			
(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			
PARK RIDGE, IL 60068		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr.	8)	4. SecurionAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) of (D) 4 and (A) or) 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Institute and I)		
Common Stock	02/22/2005		M		183	A	\$0	2,715	D	

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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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. F Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/22/2005		M	183	<u>(1)</u>	03/09/2005	Common Stock	183	

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

KILIAN BARBARA A 1417 SOUTH CLIFTON AVENUE PARK RIDGE, IL 60068

Senior Vice President-Finance

Signatures

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

02/24/2005

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- 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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