

WEHMER EDWARD J

Form 4

January 30, 2006

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/26/2006

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

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

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 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	12/13/2005		G	V 955 D \$ 58.99	0	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2006		A	9,761 (1) A \$ 0	211,063	D	
Common Stock					6,985	I	by 401(k) Plan
Common Stock					52,000	I	by Spouse
Common Stock					9,900	I	FBO children

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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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

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

01/30/2006

__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 represent Restricted Stock Units granted under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan with vesting provisions as follows: 4,761 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. 5,000 shares represent Restricted Stock Units granted under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan with the shares becoming fully vested four years from the date of grant and the vested shares related thereto will be distributed on the January 15 following the taxable year of the Company in which Mr. Wehmer's employment is terminated or at such other time as a loss of a deduction under IRS Code Section 162(m) is avoided.

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