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(Print or Type Responses)							
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Talton Sheila	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
	[WTFC]	k all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2018	X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below)					
(Street)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person 			
ROSEMONT, IL 60018		Form filed by Me Person					
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	uired, Disposed of,	, or Beneficial	ly Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Dee Execution any (Month/Day/Year)1.Title of (Month/Day/Year)2. Transaction Date Execution any (Month/Day/Year)	on Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or	Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)				
Common 12/31/2018 Stock	Code V Amount (D) Price A $62 \underline{(1)}$ A $\begin{cases} \$ \\ 84.94 \end{cases}$	4,548	D				
Common Stock		1,500	I	By Trust			

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Unde Secur	le and int of rlying ities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne 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			
Talton Sheila 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOD ROSEMONT, IL 60018	R X						
Signatures							
/s/Kathleen M. Boege, Attorney-in-fact	01/03/2019						
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date						
Evolution of Responses:							

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 2018 for services as a Director of the Company in accordance with the Director's Deferred Fee and Stock Plan approved by the Shareholders.

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