

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(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) (First) (Middle)  
**454 BUENA ROAD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/24/2008**

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)  
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(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 (A) 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/21/2007		G	V	2,750	D	\$ 0
Common Stock	01/25/2008		S	(1)	10,000	D	\$ 34.77
Common Stock						I	7,070
Common Stock						I	52,000
Common Stock						I	9,900
							by 401(k) Plan
							by Spouse
							FBO children

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.06	01/24/2008		A	9,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 01/24/2015	Common Stock	9,000

## 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

01/28/2008

\_\_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) Sale of shares upon the vesting of restricted stock units pursuant to a filed 10b5-1 plan.
- (2) The options become exercisable at a rate of 20% per year following the date of grant.

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