WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MURPHY RICHARD B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP [WTFC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 9700 WEST FFLOOR	00 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/23/2017	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT		
	(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		
ROSEMONT, IL 60018				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/23/2017		M	4,590	A	\$ 33.28	32,391	D	
Common Stock	01/23/2017		M	5,181	A	\$ 30.98	37,572	D	
Common Stock	01/23/2017		S	9,771	D	\$ 69.72 (1)	27,801	D	
Common Stock	01/23/2017		F	182	D	\$ 69.73	27,619	D	
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Common Stock

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. 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 Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.28	01/23/2017		M	4,590	08/03/2014	08/03/2018	Common Stock	4,5
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.98	01/23/2017		M	5,181	01/26/2015	01/26/2019	Common Stock	5,1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MURPHY RICHARD B 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR ROSEMONT, IL 60018

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

/s/Kathleen M. Boege, Attorney-in-fact 01/24/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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).
 - The price reported is the weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$69.55 to \$69.95,
- (1) inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the SEC, the issuer and any security holder full information regarding the number of shares and the prices at which the shares were sold.

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