WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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may continue.

See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

03/31/2008

Stock

1. Name and A STAFFORI	Symbol WINT	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP [WTFC]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 1939 SHER	(First) (MAN AVENUE,	(Month/	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2008				_X_ Director Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify	
EVANCTO	(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 Form filed by More than One Reporting			
EVANSTO	N, IL 60201						Person		r8	
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	rities 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)	Code	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D) 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)		
Common	03/31/2008		٨	226 (1)	۸	\$	0.652	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STAFFORD INGRID S 1939 SHERMAN AVENUE, #4E X EVANSTON, IL 60201

Signatures

/s/David A. Dykstra, Attorney-in-Fact 04/01/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 first quarter of 2008 for services as a Director of the Company in accordance with the Directors Deferred Fee and Stock Plan approved by the Shareholders.

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