

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BOWDEN LLOYD M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR

(Street)

ROSEMONT, IL 60018

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP [WTFC]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/22/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	01/22/2015		A	700 A \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	34,681	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2015		M	3,500 A \$ 33.06	38,181	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2015		F	2,941 D \$ 44.15	35,240	D	

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.11	01/22/2015		A		4,093		(2)	01/22/2022	Common Stock	4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.06	01/22/2015		M		3,500		(3)	01/24/2015	Common Stock	3

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOWDEN LLOYD M 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR ROSEMONT, IL 60018			EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	

## Signatures

/s/Lisa J. Pattis,  
Attorney-in-fact

01/26/2015

\_\_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) Represents stock awarded upon attainment of performance objectives under the Company's Long Term Incentive Program.
- (2) Option shares granted in conjunction with award under the Company's Long Term Incentive Program. Option shares vest at a rate of one-third on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (3) Option shares granted in conjunction with award under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan. Award shares vested at a rate of one-fifth each of the first five anniversaries of the date of grant.

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