

SUNTRUST BANKS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WOOD E JENNER III**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 25 PARK PLACE  
 (Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30302-4418

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/08/2009

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)  
 Corp. Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/08/2009		G	V	2,274	D	Ⓣ	58,902	D	
Common Stock	01/08/2009		G	V	2,274	A	Ⓣ	2,628	I	Children
Common Stock								180.219	I	401(k) <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock								18,682	I	Restricted Stock <sup>(3)</sup>

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units <u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,531.8059
Phantom Stock Units <u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>					<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	28,800
Option <u>(6)</u>	\$ 73.0625					11/09/2002	11/09/2009	Common Stock	15,000
Option <u>(7)</u>	\$ 51.5125					11/14/2003	11/14/2010	Common Stock	8,050
Option <u>(7)</u>	\$ 64.57					11/13/2004	11/13/2011	Common Stock	8,455
Option <u>(7)</u>	\$ 54.28					02/11/2006	02/11/2013	Common Stock	10,158
Option <u>(7)</u>	\$ 73.19					02/10/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock	18,000
Option <u>(8)</u>	\$ 73.14					02/08/2008	02/08/2015	Common Stock	18,000
Option <u>(8)</u>	\$ 71.03					02/14/2009	02/14/2016	Common Stock	19,000
Option <u>(8)</u>	\$ 85.06					02/13/2010	02/13/2017	Common Stock	19,000
Option <u>(8)</u>	\$ 64.58					02/12/2011	02/12/2018	Common Stock	34,000

# Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WOOD E JENNER III 25 PARK PLACE ATLANTA, GA 30302-4418			Corp. Executive Vice President	

# Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for E. Jenner Wood III	01/12/2009
**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) This transaction is a gift.
- (2) Because the stock fund component of the 401(k) Plan is accounted for in unit accounting, the number of share equivalents varies based on the closing price of SunTrust stock on the applicable measurement date.  
Restricted stock held under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. Subject to certain vesting conditions. Restricted stock agreements
- (3) contain tax withholding features allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. All plans are exempt under Rule 16(b)-3.
- (4) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under SunTrust Banks, Inc.'s 401(k) excess benefit plan. These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (5) Granted in exchange for restricted stock. Will be paid out on various dates. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (6) Granted pursuant to the 1995 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan.
- (7) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- (8) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.

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