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WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP Form 4 January 27, 2014 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading STOEHR DAVID L Issuer Symbol WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [WTFC] (Middle) (Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH 01/23/2014 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER **FLOOR** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ROSEMONT, IL 60018 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) anv Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount Price (D) Common \$0 01/23/2014 249 A 13,994 A D (1) Stock Common 286 (2) I By ESPP Stock FBO minor Common 415 I Stock children

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 prof 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 A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securitie
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Numbe of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Opion (right to buy)	\$ 46.86	01/23/2014		А	5,783	(3)	01/23/2021	Common Stock	5,78

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
STOEHR DAVID L 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FL ROSEMONT, IL 60018	OOR		CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER					
Signatures								
/s/Lisa J. Pattis, Attorney-in-fact	1/27/2014							

**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) Includes 71 shares purchased by reporting person during 2013 in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Option shares granted in conjunction with award under the Company's Long Term Incentive Program. Award shares vest at a rate of one-third on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.

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