CRANE TIMOTHY

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CRANE TIMOTHY			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP [WTFC]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specibelow)			
727 NORTH BANK LANE			01/27/2011	EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Ch			
LAKE FOREST, IL 60045			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired Disposed of or Beneficially Owns			

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecuri	ties Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	•	(A) o		5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed (Instr. 3,	,	·	Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/27/2011		A	1,193	A	\$ 0 (1)	13,944	D	
Common Stock							1,492	I	by 401(k) Plan
Common Stock							320	I	By ESPP

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. :	3 and 4)		Owne
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
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					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
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						Date	Expiration		or Namel		
						Exercisable	Date	Title Numbe			
				C 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)			,	Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CRANE TIMOTHY
727 NORTH BANK LANE
LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

/s/David A. Dykstra, Attorney-in-Fact 01/31/2011

**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).

Shares represent Restricted Stock Units granted under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan. Shares vest evenly over a three year period on (1) the first, second and third year anniversary date of the grant. Vested shares will be converted into unrestricted shares of Common Stock within 40 days subsequent to the vesting date.

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