STAFFORD INGRID S

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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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1(b).

Common

Stock

03/31/2011

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STAFFORD INGRID S			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 AVE, #4E	, ,	3. Date of (Month/D) 03/31/20	-	ansaction		_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specification))			
(Street) 4. If An			4. If Ame	Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
EVANSTON, IL 60201			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	e I - Non-D	erivative :	Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
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						Φ.				

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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STAFFORD INGRID S 1939 SHERMAN AVE #4E EVANSTON, IL 60201	X					

Signatures

/s/David A. Dykstra,
Attorney-in-Fact

**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) Shares earned for the first quarter of 2011 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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