

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

April 19, 2007

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K**

**Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 18, 2007**

**WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Illinois</b> (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<b>0-21923</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>36-3873352</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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**727 North Bank Lane  
Lake Forest, Illinois**  
(Address of principal  
executive offices)

**60045**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(847) 615-4096**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last year)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b)

On April 18, 2007, J. Christopher Reyes notified the Board of Directors of Wintrust Financial Corporation (the Company ) that he would not stand for re-election to the Board of Directors at the Company s 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 24, 2007 (the Annual Meeting ) and that he would be resigning as a member of the Board of Directors, effective as of the Annual Meeting. Mr. Reyes decision is not as a result of any disagreement with the Company or its management.

In connection with Mr. Reyes decision, the Board of Directors approved new committee assignments for the remaining directors, effective as of the Annual Meeting, which assignments will be provided in the Company s proxy statement for the Annual Meeting.

**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

(a)

On April 18, 2007, the Company s Board of Directors approved an amendment to Section 3.2 of the Company s Amended and Restated By-laws, as amended, reducing the number of directors to thirteen (13) from fourteen (14), effective as of the Annual Meeting. The Company s Amended and Restated By-laws, as amended, are attached as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
3.1	Amended and Restated By-laws of Wintrust Financial Corporation, as Amended.

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**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ David L. Stoehr  
David L. Stoehr  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 18, 2007

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