

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

Filing Date: **2012-04-30** | Period of Report: **2012-04-27**
SEC Accession No. [0000913849-12-000239](#)

([HTML Version](#) on [secdatabase.com](#))

REPORTING OWNER

WEHMER EDWARD J

CIK: **1244290**

Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-35077** | Film No.: **12796418**

Mailing Address

454 BUENA ROAD

LAKE FOREST IL 60045

ISSUER

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP

CIK: **1015328** | IRS No.: **363873352** | State of Incorp.: **IL** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **6022** State commercial banks

Mailing Address

727 N BANK LN

LAKE FOREST IL 60045

Business Address

727 N BANK LANE

*LAKE FOREST IL 60045
8476154096*

FORM 4

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287
Expires: 02/28/2011
Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person WEHMER EDWARD J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP [WTFC]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) PRESIDENT		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2012			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
454 BUENA ROAD			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) LAKE FOREST, IL 60045								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/27/2012		S		61,077	D	\$36.5739	178,280	D	
Common Stock								7,348	I	by 401(k) Plan
Common Stock								46,376	I	by Spouse
Common Stock								4,950	I	FBO children

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Signatures

/s/Edward J. Wehmer

** Signature of Reporting Person

04/27/2012

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.