James Charles H III Form 4 January 03, 2012

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading James Charles H III Issuer Symbol WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [WTFC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1020 MILWAUKEE 12/31/2011 **AVENUE, SUITE 360**

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

DEERFIELD, IL 60015

(State)

(City)

5. Amount of 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Ownership Owned Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 291 (1) A 12/31/2011 A 4,487 D 25.81 Stock

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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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
James Charles H III 1020 MILWAUKEE AVENUE SUITE 360 DEERFIELD, IL 60015	X						

Signatures

/s/David A. Dykstra, Attorney-in-Fact 01/03/2012

**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 fourth 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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