

WEHMER EDWARD J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/23/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 PRESIDENT AND CEO

ROSEMONT, IL 60018

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code V	Amount		
Common Stock	07/23/2018		M	12,301	A \$ 44.11	133,308	D
Common Stock	07/23/2018		S	12,301	D \$ 91.12 (1)	121,007	D
Common Stock						46,376	I by Spouse
Common Stock						7,108	I by 401(k) Plan
						1,650	I

Common
Stock

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children

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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 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Opion (right to buy)	\$ 44.11	07/23/2018		M	12,301	01/22/2018 01/22/2022	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WEHMER EDWARD J 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR ROSEMONT, IL 60018	X		PRESIDENT AND CEO	

Signatures

/s/Kathleen M. Boege,
Attorney-in-fact

07/24/2018

__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).

The price reported is the weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$91.00 to \$91.34, (1) inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the SEC, the issuer and any security holder full information regarding the number of shares and the prices at which the shares were sold.

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