WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hibben Randolph M | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP [WTFC] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|---|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) 2624 FORES | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/26/2006 | Director 10% Owner Specify oblow) Other (specify below) Executive Vice President | | | |
| (Street) RIVERWOODS, IL 60 | | 5 | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
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| (City) | (State) | Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ities Acc | quired, Disposed (| of, or Beneficial | lly Owned |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------|--------|---------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if | | 3. 4. Securities Acquir Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) | | | * | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any (Month/Day/Year) | | | 4 and | 5) | Beneficially Owned Following | (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | (A) or | D. | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (IIISU: 4) | (Ilisti. 4) |
| Common Stock | 07/26/2006 | | Code V S | Amount 2,995 | (D) | Price \$ 46.7 | 15,603 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 3,959 | I | by 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 15,487 | I | by Spouse |

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| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onNumber | Expiration Da | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hibben Randolph M 2624 FOREST GLEN RIVERWOODS, IL 60015

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Randolph M. 07/28/2006 Hibben

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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