MURPHY RICHARD B

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MURPHY RICHARD B Issuer Symbol WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [WTFC] (Middle) (Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner __Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title _ (Month/Day/Year) below) 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH 01/25/2018 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT **FLOOR** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ROSEMONT, IL 60018 Person

(City)	(State) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) F	So B O Fo R T	Amount of ecurities eneficially by	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	01/25/2018		A		$\frac{50}{1}$ 29	9,493	D				
Common Stock					3.	,199 (2)	I	by 401(k) Plan			
Common Stock					4:	34	I	by Spouse			

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

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 Title of 	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date		Amount of		Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	
(Instr. 3) Pri	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	1
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		
	Security				Acquired						1
	•				(A) or						1
					Disposed						
					of (D)						,
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
					, ,						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						•	Date	Title	Title Number		
							Dute		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MURPHY RICHARD B 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR ROSEMONT, IL 60018

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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Signatures

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

01/29/2018

**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).
- (1) Represents stock awarded upon attainment of performance objectives under the Company's Long Term Incentive Program.
- (2) Includes an increase of 19 shares held in the Company's 401(k) plan during 2017.

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