STAFFORD INGRID S

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1(b).

(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 STAFFORD INGRID S 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) 1939 SHERMAN AVE, #4E 12/31/2010 (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 EVANSTON, IL 60201 Person (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 6. Execution Date, if Security (Month/Day/Year) Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect

(Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Ownership (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A)

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

Common 230 (1) A 12/31/2010 A 14,656 D Stock 32.565

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
STAFFORD INGRID S 1939 SHERMAN AVE #4E EVANSTON, IL 60201	X						

Signatures

/s/David A. Dykstra, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 2010 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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