WEHMER EDWARD J

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1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add WEHMER E	•	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			[WTFC]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify		
9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH		ROAD, 8TH	10/23/2017	below) below) PRESIDENT AND CEO		
FLOOR						
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
ROSEMONT	, IL 60018		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)			Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benefi			

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. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	10/23/2017		M	9,000	A	\$ 40.87	121,873	D	
Common Stock	10/23/2017		S	9,000	D	\$ 79.91 (1)	112,873	D	
Common Stock							7,085	I	by 401(k) Plan

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

46,376

4,950

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by Spouse

Common FBO Stock children

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)

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 op f 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 Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.87	10/23/2017		M	9,000	01/28/2017	01/28/2023	Common Stock	37,3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips					
	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

**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 \$79.23 to \$81.19,

(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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