

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
GLEASON LEONA A

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/22/2016

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

(Street)
 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	07/22/2016		M	10,000	A \$ 30.76	16,995	D
Common Stock	07/22/2016		F	7,091	D \$ 53.23	9,904	D
Common Stock						1,846	I By ESPP

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.76	07/22/2016		M	10,000	01/04/2012 01/04/2017	Common Stock	10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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ROSEMONT, IL 60018

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

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

07/25/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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