

HACKETT H PATRICK JR
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
HACKETT H PATRICK JR

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

1033 SKOKIE BLVD.

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NORTHBROOK, IL 60062

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2008		A	253 (1) A \$ 29.66	20,630	D	

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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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable
 Expiration Date
 Title
 Amount or Number of Shares

Code V (A) (D)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HACKETT H PATRICK JR 1033 SKOKIE BLVD. NORTHBROOK, IL 60062	X			

Signatures

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

12/31/2008

__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) Shares earned for the fourth quarter of 2008 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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