

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
BOWDEN LLOYD M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR
 (Street)

ROSEMONT, IL 60018

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP [WTFC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/22/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code V	Amount		
Common Stock	01/22/2015		A	700	A \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	34,681	D
Common Stock	01/22/2015		M	3,500	A \$ 33.06	38,181	D
Common Stock	01/22/2015		F	2,941	D \$ 44.15	35,240	D

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

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