SUNTRUST Form 4/A	BANKS INC											
December 16										OND		
FORM	4 UNITE	D STATES	ATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSIO								APPROVAL 3235-0287	
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if no long subject to Section 16 Form 4 or Form 5 obligation may conti	er <b>STATI</b> 5. Filed p <sup>s</sup> Section 1	STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section									January 31, 2005 average urs per 0.5	
<i>See</i> Instruction 1(b).		30(h)	of the In	vestme	ent (	Compan	y Act	: of 19	40			
(Print or Type R	esponses)											
1. Name and Ac CLAY JOHN	ldress of Reporting N W JR	ng Person <u>*</u>	Symbol			Ticker or '			5. Relationship o Issuer	f Reporting Pe	erson(s) to	
(Last) (First) (Middle)			SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction						(Che	(Check all applicable)		
303 PEACHTREE ST.			(Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2004						Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Vice Chairman			
ATLANTA,	(Street)		4. If Ame Filed(Mor 12/16/20	th/Day/		te Original			6. Individual or J Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by	One Reporting I	Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		T N	D	• .• .			Person	6 D 6 .		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Da			med on Date, if	CodeDisposed of (D)Beneficially) (Instr. 8)(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)Owned Following Reported					6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of		
				Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/07/2004			G	V	890	D	<u>(1)</u>	14,688	D		
Common Stock	12/08/2004			G	V	500	D	<u>(1)</u>	14,188	D		
Common Stock									8,738	I	Spouse	
Common Stock									5,300	I	Spouse's Trust (2)	
Common Stock									1,285	I	Spouse's Trust (3)	

Common Stock						8,959.445	Ι	401(k) (4)
Common Stock						3,592.532	Ι	Family Trust <u>(5)</u>
Common Stock	12/07/2004	G	V 250	А	<u>(1)</u>	1,069.38	Ι	Family Trust <u>(6)</u>
Common Stock	12/07/2004	G	V 250	А	<u>(1)</u>	703.841	Ι	Family Trust <u>(7)</u>
Common Stock	12/07/2004	G	V 250	А	<u>(1)</u>	650	Ι	Family Trust <u>(8)</u>
Common Stock						5,920	I	Unitrust (9)
Common Stock						42,420	I	Restricted Stock (10)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units (11)	<u>(11)</u>					(11)	(11)	Common Stock	6,206.9956
Phantom Stock Units (12)	<u>(12)</u>					(12)	(12)	Common Stock	40,000
Option $(13)$	\$ 30.25					08/08/1995	08/07/2005	Common Stock	14,500
	\$ 73.0625					11/09/2002	11/09/2009		15,000

$\underbrace{Option}_{(14)}$				Common Stock	
Option (15)	\$ 51.125	11/14/2003	11/14/2010	Common Stock	50,000
Option $(15)$	\$ 64.57	11/13/2004	11/13/2011	Common Stock	100,000
Option $(15)$	\$ 54.28	02/11/2006	02/11/2013	Common Stock	100,000
Option $(15)$	\$ 73.19	02/10/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock	100,000

## **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CLAY JOHN W JR 303 PEACHTREE ST. ATLANTA, GA 30308			Vice Chairman				
Signatures							
Managenet II Hadagan Attamp	. in East	for John W					

Margaret U. Hodgson, Attorney-in-Fact for John W. Clay, Jr.

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

### **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).

12/16/2004

Date

- (1) This transaction is a gift.
- (2) TUA 93 Campbell Family Exempt Trust.
- (3) TUA Anne Campbell Clay.
- (4) Because the stock fund component of the 401(k) Plan is accounted for in unit accounting, the number of share equivalents varies based on the closing price of SunTrust stock on the applicable measurement date.
- (5) John Clay Children's Family Trust.
- (6) In family trust for Madelaine Wood Clay.
- (7) In family trust for Abigail Campbell Clay.
- (8) In family trust for Anne Cecile Meredith.
- (9) In charitable lead unitrust.

Restricted stock held under 1986 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan, 1995 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan and SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000
(10) Stock Plan. Subject to certain vesting conditions. Restricted stock agreements contain tax withholding features allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. All plans are exempt under Rule 16(b)-3.

- (11) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under SunTrust Banks, Inc.'s 401(k) excess benefit plan. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (12) Granted in exchange for restricted stock and will be paid out on various dates. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

- (13) This option becomes exercisable in 10% increments over 10 years or in the event of death, disability or change of control. This option was granted pursuant to the 1995 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan.
- (14) Granted pursuant to the 1995 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan.

(15) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.

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