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### FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP [(WTFC)] Hibben Randolph M (Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2624 FOREST GLEN (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting \_X\_\_ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) RIVERWOODS, ILÂ 60015 Form filed by More than One **Executive Vice President** Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 1. Title of Security 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 18,598 Common Stock 3,959 I by 401(k) Plan Common Stock 15,487 Ι by Spouse Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	••	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		Derivative Security	of Exercise	1 01111 01	Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	12/31/1999	10/28/2009	Common Stock	8,599	\$ 11.3333	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/28/2003	12/05/2007	Common Stock	9,000	\$ 12	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	04/29/2004	04/29/2009	Common Stock	22,500	\$ 12.2917	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	01/22/2012	Common Stock	48,499	\$ 18.8133	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	12/22/2013	Common Stock	3,500	\$ 45.46	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe	
Hibben Randolph M 2624 FOREST GLEN RIVERWOODS Â II Â 60015	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â	

# **Signatures**

/s/ Randolph M.
Hibben

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) 38,800 shares are fully vested as of the date of this filing. 9,699 shares become vested as of January 22, 2007.
- (2) 1,400 shares are fully vested as of the date of this filing and 700 shares vest on each of December 22, 2006, December 22, 2007 and December 22, 2008. Reporting Person was identified by the Company as person subject to Section 16 reporting.

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