

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 24, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Company amended and restated the Company's 2005 Directors Deferred Fee and Stock Plan (the "Amended and Restated Director Plan"), effective immediately, to provide that those directors who choose to be paid in the Company's common stock on a non-deferred basis to receive dividends on such common stock for the period between when such stock is earned and when it is distributed. The foregoing information is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amended and Restated Director Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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99.1 Amended and Restated Wintrust Financial Corporation 2005 Directors Deferred Fee and Stock Plan

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Lisa J. Pattis
Lisa J. Pattis
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

Date: July 29, 2014

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