

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 15-12G

September 11, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 15**

Certification and Notice of Termination of Registration under Section 12(g)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Suspension of Duty to File Reports under  
Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission File Number: 000-21923

Commission File Number: 000-21923-01

Wintrust Financial Corporation

Wintrust Capital Trust I

(Exact name  
of  
co-registrant  
as specified  
in its charter)

727 North Bank Lane  
Lake Forest, Illinois 60045-1951  
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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of co-registrants principal executive offices)  
**9.0% Cumulative Trust Preferred Securities (and Guarantee with respect thereto) of Wintrust Capital Trust I**

(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

**Common Stock, no par value per share, of Wintrust Financial Corporation**

(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(i)  Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i)   
Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(ii)  Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii)  Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(i)  Rule 12h-3(b)(2)(i)  Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(ii)   
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Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date: None

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Wintrust Financial Corporation and Wintrust Capital Trust I have each caused this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

Wintrust Financial Corporation

Date: September 11, 2006

By: /s/ David A. Dykstra  
Name: David A. Dykstra  
Title: Senior Executive Vice President and  
Chief Operating Officer

Wintrust Capital Trust I

Date: September 11, 2006

By: /s/ David A. Dykstra

Name: David A. Dykstra

Title: Administrative Trustee