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Kathleen M. Boege to Join Wintrust Financial Corporation as Its General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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ROSEMONT, Ill., Aug. 13, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Wintrust Financial Corporation ("Wintrust") (Nasdaq:WTFC) is pleased to announce Kathleen M. Boege will join Wintrust as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. Ms. Boege currently serves as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Freightcar America, Inc. (Nasdaq:RAIL). Prior to her employment with Freightcar America, Inc., Ms. Boege served as General Counsel, Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary at Bally Total Fitness Corporation and also served in a similar role at the Chicago Stock Exchange. Earlier in her career, Ms. Boege served as an associate attorney at the firms of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue as well as Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon, working in the Financial Services Practice Group. Ms. Boege is expected to begin her employment with Wintrust in early September 2015.

Edward J. Wehmer, Wintrust's President and CEO, said, "Kate's extensive legal experience coupled with her expertise in the areas of securities law, corporate governance, regulatory matters and transactional experience makes her a great fit for our growing organization. We are pleased and fortunate that she has agreed to join our team."

Ms. Boege earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern University in 1988 and her law degree from the University of Minnesota School of Law in 1991. Ms. Boege serves as a member of the Economic Club of Chicago, the National Association of Corporate Directors, the Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals and the Society of Human Resources Management. Ms. Boege was the recipient of the 2013 First Chair "Top General Counsel" Award.

On June 2, 2015, Wintrust announced that Lisa J. Pattis, the Company's current Executive Vice President, General

Counsel and Corporate Secretary, will leave the Company to join Next Chapter Holdings LP, the family office managing the investments of the Pattis family as well as The Pattis Family Foundation, as its President and Chair of its Executive Committee. Ms. Pattis served as Wintrust's inaugural general counsel since 2011. In her role, she built an outstanding legal department and provided Wintrust with superb legal and business counsel. Ms. Pattis has agreed to continue in a reduced role with the Company to assist with the transition period.

About Wintrust

Wintrust is a financial holding company with assets of approximately $22 billion whose common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. Built on the "HAVE IT ALL" model, Wintrust offers sophisticated technology and resources of a large bank while focusing on providing service-based community banking to each and every customer. Wintrust operates fifteen community bank subsidiaries with over 150 banking locations located in the greater Chicago and southern Wisconsin market areas. Additionally, the Company operates various non-bank business units including one of the largest commercial insurance premium finance companies operating in the United States and Canada, a company providing short-term accounts receivable financing and value-added out-sourced administrative services to the temporary staffing services industry, a business unit engaging primarily in the origination and purchase of residential mortgages for sale into the secondary market throughout the United States, and companies providing wealth management services.

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