

Panther Thomas E  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Panther Thomas E

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
303 PEACHTREE STREET  
(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30308

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/10/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, Controller/ChiefAcct.Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					1,046.809	I	401(k) <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/10/2009		A	5,810 A \$ 0	16,689	I	Restricted Stock <u>(2)</u>

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>					<sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	602.8026
Option <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 51.125					11/14/2003    11/14/2010	Common Stock	1,950
Option <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 64.57					11/13/2004    11/13/2011	Common Stock	1,545
Option <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 54.28					02/11/2006    02/11/2013	Common Stock	2,400
Option <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 73.19					02/10/2007    02/10/2014	Common Stock	3,000
Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 73.14					02/08/2008    02/08/2015	Common Stock	7,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Panther Thomas E 303 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30308			SVP, Controller/Chief Acct. Off.	

## Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas E. Panther  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person      02/12/2009  
 Date

## 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).

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- (1) 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.

Restricted stock granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan, which is subject to certain vesting conditions. The restricted stock agreement contains tax withholding features allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. The plan is exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 1,711 shares of restricted stock which will vest on 02/14/2009, 1,428 shares which vest on 2/13/2010, 2,000 shares which vest on 11/6/2011 and 5,810 shares which vest on 02/10/2012.

- (2) The 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.
- (3) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- (5) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.

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