

WELLS JAMES M III  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WELLS JAMES M III

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/19/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President & COO

(Street)  
ATLANTA, GA 30308

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	05/19/2006		M		2,682	A	\$ 37.28
Common Stock	05/19/2006		M		27,558	A	\$ 37.27
Common Stock	05/19/2006		M		10,176	A	\$ 38.28
Common Stock	05/19/2006		S		8,945	D	\$ 75.6435
Common Stock	05/19/2006		S		20,400	D	\$ 75.6342

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Common Stock	12,267	I	Spouse
Common Stock	974,743	I	401(k) <u>(1)</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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount of Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock 2,112.94
Option	\$ 37.28	05/19/2006		M	2,682	01/23/1998 01/23/2007	Common Stock 2,682
Option	\$ 37.27	05/19/2006		M	27,558	01/23/1998 01/23/2007	Common Stock 27,558
Option	\$ 38.28	05/19/2006		M	10,176	02/24/1998 02/24/2007	Common Stock 10,176
Option	\$ 54.39					07/20/1998 01/22/2008	Common Stock 1,838
Option	\$ 54.39					07/20/1998 01/22/2008	Common Stock 26,290
Option	\$ 76.5					12/31/2001 12/31/2008	Common Stock 90,000
Option <u>(3)</u>	\$ 73.0625					12/31/2001 11/09/2009	Common Stock 15,000
Option <u>(4)</u>	\$ 50.5					03/06/2003 03/06/2010	Common Stock 24,000
Option <u>(4)</u>	\$ 50.5					03/06/2005 03/06/2010	Common Stock 16,000

