

SUNTRUST BANKS INC  
Form 4  
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>Johnston, Jr., Summerfield K.</b><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>P.O. Box 723040</b><br><br>(Street)<br><b>Atlanta, GA 31139</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) |  |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>SunTrust Banks, Inc. - STI</b> |   |   |  | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director —<br><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner —<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) —<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |   |  |                                   |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)<br><br><b>58-1575035</b>  |  |   | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year<br><b>December 13, 2002</b>                      |   |   | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |   |  |                                   |
| 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 & 5) |  |  | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|   |  |   | Code   | V | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock  |  |   |  |   |   |  |  | 153,744   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock  |  |   |  |   |   |  |  | 3,036   | I  | Spouse                            |
| Common Stock  |  |   |  |   |   |  |  | 48,000  | I  | Trust <sup>(1)</sup>              |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed Execution | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security | 9. Number of Derivative Securities | 10. Ownership | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)                               | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) |   | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) |     | (Month/Day/Year)  |                  | Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) |                            | (Instr. 5)   | Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Owners (Instr. 4) |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|--|-----|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---|--|-------------------|
|  |                              |                  |                               | Code            | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exer-cisable | Expira-tion Date | Title                     | Amount or Number of Shares |              |   |  |                   |
| <b>Phantom Stock Units<sup>(2)</sup></b> | <b>1 for 1</b>               | <b>12/13/02</b>  |                               | <b>A</b>        |   | <b>38.4081</b>   |     | <b>(2)</b>        | <b>(2)</b>       | <b>Common Stock</b>       | <b>38.4081</b>             | <b>56.63</b> | <b>5,096.6658</b>   | <b>D</b>   |                   |
| <b>Option<sup>(3)</sup></b>              | <b>51.125</b>                |                  |                               |                 |   |  |     | <b>11/14/00</b>   | <b>11/14/10</b>  | <b>Common Stock</b>       |                            |              | <b>2,000</b>  | <b>D</b>   |                   |
| <b>Option (3)</b>                        | <b>64.57</b>                 |                  |                               |                 |   |  |     | <b>11/13/01</b>   | <b>11/13/11</b>  | <b>Common Stock</b>       |                            |              | <b>2,000</b>  | <b>D</b>   |                   |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Held in The Katherine Jackson Johnston Trust.

(2) The phantom stock units were accrued under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. Directors Deferred Compensation Plan and are to be settled upon the reporting person's retirement. Directors fees are deferred into this plan and are accounted for as if invested in SunTrust common stock.

(3) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.

By: /s/ **Margaret Hodgson, Attorney-in-Fact for Summerfield K. Johnston, Jr.**

**December 16, 2002**  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*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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