

HOWELL DOUGLAS K
Form 4
February 10, 2009

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HOWELL DOUGLAS K

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO
[AJG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER &
CO., TWO PIERCE PLACE
(Street)

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

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
VP & Chief Financial Officer

ITASCA, IL 60143

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/10/2009		J ⁽¹⁾		855	A	\$ 18.0161	25,570	I by Trust
Common Stock								30,891	D
Common Stock (restricted)								15,063	D

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.58					<u>(2)</u> 03/02/2013	Common Stock 75,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.76					<u>(3)</u> 03/05/2018	Common Stock 6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.03					<u>(2)</u> 05/15/2016	Common Stock 2,590
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.25					<u>(2)</u> 07/20/2015	Common Stock 35,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.94					<u>(2)</u> 10/18/2017	Common Stock 50,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.65					<u>(3)</u> 05/15/2017	Common Stock 11,300
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42					<u>(2)</u> 07/21/2014	Common Stock 35,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.28					01/01/2005 <u>(2)</u> 03/31/2014	Common Stock 3,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOWELL DOUGLAS K ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143			VP & Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

By: Kerry S. Abbott For: Douglas K.
Howell

02/10/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Dividend reinvestment pursuant to the Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Deferred Equity Participation Plan.
- (2) The stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.
- (3) The stock option becomes exercisable 20% each year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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