GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Cavaness Joel D			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) 2 PIERCE I	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of (Month/E) 02/13/2					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Vice President			
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I) Derivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Execution any	emed 3. 4. Securities Acquire on Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (I Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Day/Year) (Instr. 8)		ed of (D)	Beneficially (D) or Benefi Owned Indirect (I) Owner Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. Reported					
				Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	02/13/2017			M	6,897	A	\$ 24.13	112,274	D		
Common Stock	02/13/2017			M	2,833	A	\$ 28.65	115,107	D		
Common Stock	02/13/2017			S	9,730	D	\$ 55.59	105,377	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	ransaction Derivative ode Securities		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	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 24.13	02/13/2017		M		6,897	(2)	03/02/2017	Common Stock	6,897
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 28.65	02/13/2017		M		2,833	(2)	05/15/2017	Common Stock	2,833

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cavaness Joel D

2 PIERCE PLACE Vice President

ITASCA, IL 60143

Signatures

/s/ April Hanes-Dowd, by power of attorney 02/14/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person 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).
 - The price reported is an average weighted price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$55.57 to \$55.61.
- (1) The reporting person will provide to the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- (2) The stock option becomes exercisable 20% each year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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