

HOWELL DOUGLAS K  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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**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)  
08/11/2009

\_\_\_\_ 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)  
\_\_X\_\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V Amount (A)<br>or (D) Price                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                         |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 08/11/2009                              |                                                             | J <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 690 A \$<br>23.4599                                                     | 26,260                                                                                                             | I                                                                       | by Trust                                                          |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 32,057                                                                                                             | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(restricted)       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 31,842                                                                                                             | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V (A) (D)                                                                                                             | Date Exercisable<br>Expiration<br>Date                         | Title<br>Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares                     |
| Incentive<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)         | \$ 24.58                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | (2) 03/02/2013                                                 | Common<br>Stock 75,000                                           |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 23.76                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | (3) 03/05/2018                                                 | Common<br>Stock 6,000                                            |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 27.03                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | (2) 05/15/2016                                                 | Common<br>Stock 2,590                                            |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 27.25                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | (2) 07/20/2015                                                 | Common<br>Stock 35,000                                           |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 27.94                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | (2) 10/18/2017                                                 | Common<br>Stock 50,000                                           |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 28.65                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | (3) 05/15/2017                                                 | Common<br>Stock 11,300                                           |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 29.42                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | (2) 07/21/2014                                                 | Common<br>Stock 35,000                                           |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 33.28                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | 01/01/2005(2) 03/31/2014                                       | Common<br>Stock 3,750                                            |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

08/12/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (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.

### Remarks:

The directly owned common stock holdings reflected in Table I of this form include shares purchased through Arthur J. Gallag

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