

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO

Form 4

May 19, 2008

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 *
MCGURN DAVID E JR

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)
05/15/2008

____ 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

ITASCA, IL 60143

(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	05/15/2008		M		10,000	A	\$ 9.25	142,283 D
Common Stock	05/15/2008		S		10,000	D	\$ 26.184	132,283 D
Common Stock								2,267 I by Son
Common Stock								4,534 I by Spouse ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock								57,338 I by Trust

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Common
Stock
(restricted)

2,753 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 Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.25	05/15/2008		M	10,000	<u>(2)</u> 08/30/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.5					<u>(2)</u> 06/20/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.7					<u>(2)</u> 07/21/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.76					<u>(3)</u> 03/05/2018	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.9					01/01/2004 <u>(2)</u> 07/16/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.5					<u>(2)</u> 07/19/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.25					<u>(2)</u> 07/20/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 28.65					<u>(3)</u> 05/15/2017	Common Stock

(right to buy)

Non-Qualified

Stock Option \$ 29.42

(right to buy)

(2)

07/21/2014

Common
Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCGURN DAVID E JR ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143			Vice President	

Signatures

David E.
McGurn, Jr.

05/19/2008

**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) Held by spouse as custodian for benefit of children under the Uniform Gift to Minors Act.

(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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