

HOWELL DOUGLAS K  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)  
03/04/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify 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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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		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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 8)	Code	V			
Common Stock (restricted)	03/04/2009		A		A	16,779	31,842	D	
Common Stock							30,891	D	
Common Stock							25,570	I	by Trust

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 of 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 6,060
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

Douglas K.  
Howell    03/10/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person    Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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