

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO  
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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 \*  
 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  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President

ITASCA, IL 60143  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(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 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock						57,338	I by Trust

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 Security (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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (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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