McGrath Susan E Form 4 March 20, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

McGrath Susan E

ITASCA, IL 60143

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO

[AJG]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2012

ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO., TWO PIERCE PLACE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner Other (specify

X_ Officer (give title below)

Chief Human Resources Officer

(Street) 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 5. Amount of 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(D) Price Code V Amount

Common

Stock 03/16/2012 Α 4,900 \$0 28,124 D A

(restricted)

Common 8,194 D Stock

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 35.71	03/16/2012		A	8,400	<u>(1)</u>	03/16/2019	Common Stock	8,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McGrath Susan E ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143

Chief Human Resources Officer

Signatures

/s/ April Hanes-Dowd, by power of attorney

03/20/2012

**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) One-third of this stock option becomes exerciseable on each of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th anniversaries of the grant date.

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