

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO
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FORM 4

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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)
03/16/2017

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
 _____ 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 (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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock (restricted)	03/16/2017 ⁽¹⁾		A	10,700	A	\$ 0	31,606	D
Common Stock (restricted)	03/16/2017		A	3,700 ⁽²⁾	A	\$ 0	35,306	D
Common Stock	03/17/2017		M	20,033	A	\$ 27.94	57,354	D
Common Stock	03/17/2017		S	20,033	D	\$ 56.95	37,321	D

(3)

Common Stock 2,300 I By Spouse (4)

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	\$ 56.86	03/16/2017		A	19,800	(5)		03/16/2024		Common Stock
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 27.94	03/17/2017		M	20,033	(6)		10/18/2017		Common Stock

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

/s/ April Hanes-Dowd, by power of attorney 03/20/2017

**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) Earned performance share units vesting on 3/17/2019.
- (2) Restricted stock unit award vesting five years after the date of grant.

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The price reported is an average weighted price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$56.89 to \$57.09.

- (3) The reporting person will provide to the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- (4) The reporting person has no voting or investment power over these shares and disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (5) One-third of this stock option becomes exercisable on each of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th anniversaries of the grant date.
- (6) The stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.

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