

Bay Walter D.  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Bay Walter D.

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)  
09/13/2012

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
General Counsel

ITASCA, IL 60143

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)
Common Stock	09/13/2012		M		2,400	A	\$ 24.13	3,771	D	
Common Stock	09/13/2012		S		2,400	D	\$ 37	1,371	D	
Common Stock	09/13/2012		M		2,558	A	\$ 23.76	3,929	D	
Common Stock	09/13/2012		S		2,558	D	\$ 37	1,371	D	
Common Stock								29,953	D	

(restricted)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 24.13	09/13/2012		M	2,400	<u>(1)</u> 03/02/2017	Common Stock	2,400
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 23.76	09/13/2012		M	2,558	<u>(1)</u> 03/05/2018	Common Stock	2,558

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bay Walter D. ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143			General Counsel	

## Signatures

/s/ April Hanes-Dowd, by power of attorney 09/14/2012

\_\_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) The stock option becomes exercisable 20% each year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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