GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO Form 8-K May 10, 2012

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# Form 8-K

# **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) May 10, 2012

# ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction

1-9761 (Commission File

**36-2151613** (IRS Employer

of incorporation) Number) Identification No.)

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Two Pierce Place, Itasca, Illinois 60143-3141

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (630) 773-3800

#### Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 10, 2012, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (Gallagher) registered for resale 161,513 shares of Gallagher common stock pursuant to a prospectus supplement under its automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration Statement No. 333-166533), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Registration Statement). The opinion and consent of Seth Diehl, Esq., Senior Counsel, Corporate & Securities, as to the validity of these shares of common stock, filed as Exhibits 5 and 23 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, respectively, are incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

#### Exhibit

No. Description
5 Opinion of Seth Diehl, Esq., Senior Counsel, Corporate & Securities
23 Consent of Seth Diehl, Esq., Senior Counsel, Corporate & Securities (included in Exhibit 5 hereto)

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

Date: May 10, 2012

/s/ WALTER D. BAY
Walter D. Bay
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary