

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 2010

**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) December 17, 2010

**ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-9761**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**36-2151613**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**Two Pierce Place, Itasca, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

**60143-3141**  
(Zip Code)

**Not Applicable**

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

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

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 17, 2010, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (Gallagher) registered for resale 243,015 shares of Gallagher common stock pursuant to Prospectus Supplement #5 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.**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|--------------------|--|
| 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) |

**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: December 17, 2010

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