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### **Delaware Investments wins six Lipper Awards for long-term performance**

**PHILADELPHIA, March 21, 2014** – At yesterday’s Lipper U.S. Fund Awards 2014, three Delaware Investments mutual funds were recognized as the best in their respective Lipper categories across various time frames (as of Dec. 31, 2013), for a total of five awards. These funds delivered outstanding historical risk-adjusted performance to land as the top-performing funds in their Lipper peer groups.

In addition to the fund-level awards, the Delaware Investments Fixed Income team won Lipper’s Excellence in Fund Management Award for Delaware Extended Duration Bond Fund. This award recognizes outstanding asset managers who deliver consistently strong risk-adjusted returns and, in the opinion of Lipper’s research analysts, represent the best of the fund industry.

“We’re pleased to be recognized by Lipper for our team’s performance,” said See Yeng Quek, head of fixed income investments. “Our focus on fundamental research and our team-driven culture are vital factors in our long-term success. We build portfolios one security at a time, striving to provide consistent performance for our clients over the years.”

Below is a summary of the Lipper accolades achieved by Delaware Investments funds:

#### **Delaware Extended Duration Bond Fund, Institutional Class (DEEIX)**

Time periods: 3 years, 5 years, and 10 years

Lipper classification: Corporate Debt BBB-Rated Funds

Ranked best out of: 153 funds for the 3-year period, 136 funds for the 5-year period, 93 funds for the 10-year period

Portfolio managers: Thomas Chow, Craig Dembek, Roger Early, Kashif Ishaq, Paul Matlack, John McCarthy

#### **Delaware Minnesota High-Yield Municipal Bond Fund, Class A (DVMHX)**

Time period: 10 years

Lipper classification: Minnesota Municipal Debt Funds

Ranked best out of: 29 funds for the 10-year period

Portfolio managers: Joe Baxter, Steve Czepiel, Greg Gizzi

#### **Delaware Tax-Free New York Fund, Class A (FTNYX)**

Time period: 10 years

Lipper classification: New York Municipal Debt Funds

Ranked best out of: 72 funds for the 10-year period

Portfolio managers: Joe Baxter, Steve Czepiel, Greg Gizzi

### **IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE INFORMATION**

Additional detail on the Lipper rankings for other time periods not discussed above:

Delaware Minnesota High-Yield Municipal Bond Fund’s ranking against other funds in the Minnesota Municipal Debt Funds category: 5 out of 39 for the 3-year period, and 3 out of 36 for the 5-year period.

Delaware Tax-Free New York Fund's ranking against other funds in the New York Municipal Debt Funds category: 9 out of 88 for the 3-year period, and 12 out of 78 for the 5-year period.

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