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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

MASSACHUSETTS

36-4460811

(State of Incorporation

(I.R.S. Employer

or Organization)

Identification No.)

333 West Wacker Drive

Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Class

Name of Exchange On Which

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to be so Registered

Class is to be Registered

Common shares of beneficial interest,

New York Stock Exchange

par value \$0.01 per share

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box. x

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-206628

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

NONE

(Title of Class)

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The shares to be registered hereunder are common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Shares), of Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (to be renamed Nuveen Enhanced Municipal Credit Opportunities Fund as of April 11, 2016) (the Registrant). The description of the Common Shares is contained in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and in the related exhibits included in the registration statement on Form N-14, pre-effective amendment no. 2, filed by the Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), on October 16, 2015 (Registration No. 333-206628) and declared effective on October 22, 2015, and such description as included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 497 under the Securities Act on October 23, 2015.

The description of the Common Shares contained in such filings is deemed incorporated herein by reference and made part of this registration statement.

Item 2. Exhibits.

- 1(a) Declaration of Trust of Registrant, dated March 21, 2001, is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-171576) filed on January 6, 2011.
- 1(b) Certificate of Amendment to Declaration of Trust of Registrant, dated February 17, 2010, is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-171576) filed on January 6, 2011.
- 1(c) Form of Certificate of Name Change Amendment to Declaration of Trust of Registrant, to be effective as of April 11, 2016, is filed herewith.
- Amended and Restated By-Laws of Registrant, dated November 18, 2009, are incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-171576) filed on January 6, 2011.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Date: April 5, 2016

NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3

By: /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy Name: Kevin J. McCarthy

Title: Vice President and Secretary