

Summary of Provided Information on Todd Corey Deratany

- **Admitted Lack of Preparation (*Greenwood v. Sec'y, Dept. of Corrections*):** In federal appellate records, Deratany explicitly testified under oath during a Rule 3.850 evidentiary hearing that he "had not spent much time working on the case" because he expected it to resolve via a plea agreement.
- **Deficient Performance Allegations:** This lack of trial preparation directly connected to critical defense omissions, including failing to depose or interview witnesses, failing to test firearms for fingerprints/DNA, and failing to call exculpatory witnesses.
- **Loss of Plea Deal:** A three-year plea offer in that matter was withdrawn after Deratany contacted a supervisor at the State Attorney's Office, leaving the unprepared case forced into trial.
- **Florida Bar Discipline & Permanent Disbarment:**
 - **March 2011:** Emergency suspension sought after the Florida Bar alleged he was causing "great public harm" by abandoning clients and missing court hearings.
 - **May 2011:** Disbarred for 10 years due to numerous disciplinary violations, including failure to maintain client communication, abandoning a civil trial without notice due to a criminal case conflict, and disparaging another defense attorney on a recorded call with an incarcerated client.
 - **September 13, 2011 (Supreme Court Order) / Dec 1, 2011 (Florida Bar Report):** Permanently disbarred (Case No. SC11-976) for non-compliance with his suspension order and widespread misconduct.

Strategic Impact on Larry Darnell Goodman's Defense

1. Evidentiary Pattern of Ineffective Assistance of Counsel (IAC)

If Todd Deratany represented Larry Donell Goodman during any phase of Case No. 05-2007-CF-048580-AXXX-XX (such as initial discovery, trial preparation, or plea negotiations), his sworn testimony in *Greenwood* establishes a documented, admitted habit (*modus operandi*) of neglecting trial preparation under the assumption that cases would settle via plea bargains.

2. Supporting Post-Conviction Claims under Rule 3.850

This documented record strengthens a claim under *Strickland v. Washington* (deficient performance and resulting prejudice):

- **Deficient Performance:** Deratany's disbarment records and sworn admissions show a systemic pattern of failing to communicate with clients, failing to interview witnesses, and abandoning trial preparation.
- **Corroborating Exculpatory Evidence Omissions:** This pattern directly supports allegations in Goodman's case—such as the failure of defense counsel to present Damien Jones's sworn written confession affidavit or preserve speedy trial objections.

3. Impeaching Counsel's Credibility in Post-Conviction Hearings

Rather than relying solely on client assertions, Goodman's defense can utilize Deratany's own sworn admissions from the *Greenwood* hearing alongside his official Florida Bar disbarment records to establish that his representation fell below constitutional standards.