



Monier “Mo” Abusaft

Monier “Mo” Abusaft is a graduate of Wofford College and Vanderbilt University Law School. At Wofford, his interest in ministry led him to graduate Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion. He was also awarded an ELI Fellowship, given to emerging leaders in ministry. Among Mo’s many activities during college, he was a summer missionary at Camp Cedine Ministries—being recognized as Cedine's Missionary of the Year in 2007. He also served as President of his beloved fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc., and was a member of the Wofford College Football team.

After earning his Juris Doctorate from Vanderbilt, he returned to Spartanburg to be State Circuit Court Judge J. Mark Hayes’s law clerk. Mo then joined the staff of former Chief Justice Costa Pleicones at the South Carolina Supreme Court. After leaving the office of the Chief Justice, Mo became a public defender in the 16th Circuit Public Defender’s Office before moving to the 7th Circuit Public Defender’s office in Spartanburg.

Mo is the former President of the Spartanburg Branch of the NAACP and is the Branch’s current first Vice President. Along with his work with the NAACP, Mo is the Executive Director of Spartanburg Juneteenth Inc., a nonprofit organization responsible for Spartanburg Juneteenth—a festival celebrating the history and achievements of African Americans. He is also a graduate of the Spartanburg County Foundation’s Grassroots Leadership Development Institute, and a current participant in the Greenville Chamber of Commerce’s Minority Business Accelerator.

More than only being an attorney and activist, Mo is an entrepreneur. In 2018, he founded L.H. Turner Facility Services and Construction Co. with the mission of

profitably providing exceptional facility services to sophisticated facility owners and builders throughout the Southeast. L.H. Turner has a 100% minority-work force and employees the previously incarcerated as well as those currently under judicial supervision, whether that be home detention or probation, without discrimination. Since March 2019, L.H. Turner has paid over \$350,000 in wages into Spartanburg's African American community.

Mo is committed to bringing positive change and influence to his community and is also currently running for Spartanburg County Council District 1.

On a more personal note, Mo is a competitive barbeque enthusiast who competes in multiple barbeque competitions a year. When not participating in these activities, he

enjoys spending time with his family and church community at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

On November 3rd, Mo was elected to represent Spartanburg County Council District 1 with 96 percent of the vote.