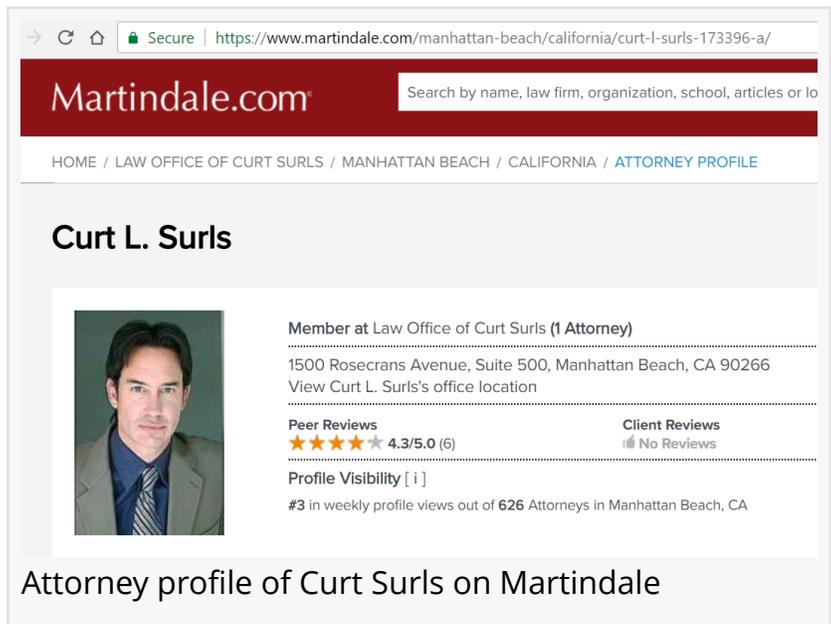


# Employment attorney Curt Surls comments on U.S. Justice Department-California dispute, and its effect on AB 450

*California's AB 450, which went into effect in early 2018, prohibits employers in California from ameliorating Trump Administration's immigration enforcement*

MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, November 4, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Veteran employment lawyer [Curt Surls](#) has commented on an ongoing lawsuit between the U.S. Justice Department and the State of California and its effect on Assembly Bill 450 ("AB 450"). California's AB 450, which went into effect at the beginning of 2018, prohibits employers in California from taking certain actions in an effort to ameliorate the Trump Administration's immigration enforcement at the workplace.



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AB 450 prohibits employers from granting access to non-public areas of a business to immigration enforcement officials without a judicial warrant. It also prohibits employers from providing immigration enforcement officials with employee's employment records without a judicial warrant, except for I-9 audits. Employers must also notify employees of any I-9 audits within 72 hours of receipt of notice of inspection and also notify any affected workers of any findings by ICE that specifies that the employee has immigration status issues. Lastly, employers may not reverify I-9s unless required by federal law.

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In a lawsuit challenging several California statutes, the Eastern District of California ruled on United States' motion

for preliminary injunction on AB 450 in July of 2018. With respect to provisions of the bill prohibiting employers from voluntarily consenting to grant access to immigration enforcement officials, the court ruled that AB 450 was not preempted by federal immigration law, but still superseded by the Supremacy Clause due to intergovernmental immunity doctrine. “Even though these two subsections of AB 450 interfere with immigration enforcement's historical practices, the Court hesitates to find the statutes preempted. In preemption analysis, the Court presumes ‘the historic police powers of the States’ are not superseded ‘unless that was the clear and manifest purpose of Congress.’” (internal quotation marks omitted). The court went on to explain that “[u]ltimately, however, the Court need not resolve the preemption issue because

Plaintiff is likely to succeed on its Supremacy Clause claim under the intergovernmental immunity doctrine. The doctrine applies in these circumstances even though the laws regulate employers and not the Federal Government directly." Thus, the court found "that a law which imposes monetary penalties on an employer solely because that employer voluntarily consents to federal immigration enforcement's entry into nonpublic areas of their place of business or access to their employment records impermissibly discriminates against those who choose to deal with the Federal Government."

[Mr. Surls](#) notes that the court, however, did not find that the notice provisions of AB 450 to be preempted or superseded by federal law. Unlike the prohibition against voluntary cooperation, nothing in the notice provisions would prohibit employer from cooperating or working with the federal government. The ban on reverification, however, was enjoined as it appeared to obstruct the purpose of federal immigration law.

Mr. Surls concludes that "although these are the district court's rulings on preliminary injunction, it should be a good indication on how the court intends to rule on the permanent injunction. The case is likely to continue on appeal, however, thus it may be sometime until the dust finally settles on AB 450."

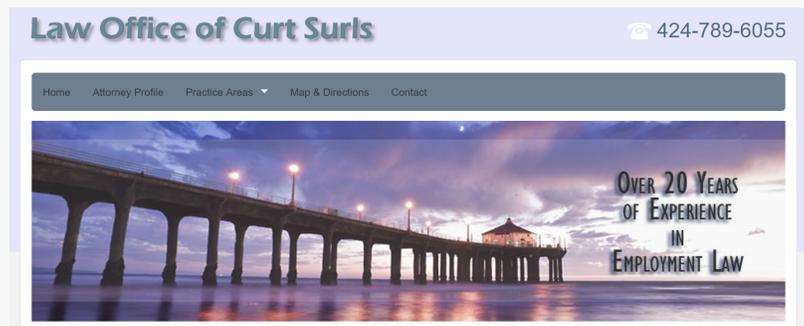
The district court case in the Eastern District of California is *United States v. California*, 2:18-cv-490-JAM-KJN.

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