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Christian Ballke, born 1977, is a founding partner of the law firm Meisterernst. He studied the law at Gutenberg- University, Mainz. Having completed the second state law exams in 2004, he participated successfully in the master's course in intellectual property law at Heinrich-Heine-University in Düsseldorf, obtaining an LL.M. degree. His master's thesis concerned the interface between trademark law and the law on pharmaceuticals.

Christian Ballke was admitted to practise as a lawyer in early 2006. Until end of 2011 he worked for the law firm meyer // meisterernst. He specializes in providing comprehensive advice to nationally and internationally operating enterprises from the food and pharmaceuticals industries, particularly on classification issues, the marketability of substances (e.g. novel foods) and product advertising. In case of litigation, Christian Ballke asserts his clients' rights in court and defends them when they are challenged.

Christian Ballke also advises and represents clients of our law firm on issues of intellectual property law, especially trademark and unfair competition law. In addition to that, he manages all legal issues related to cosmetics.

### Publications, lectures

His expertise is evidenced by several academic publications, for example as a co-author of the legal commentary „Health & Nutrition Claims“ (Eds. Meisterernst/Haber, Behr's Verlag) and as the author of the commentary on the Novel-Food-Regulation (Lebensmittelrecht, Eds. Sosnitza/Meisterernst). Christian Ballke is also the author of a number of contributions in legal journals and gives lectures in his areas of specialisation at conferences and seminars.

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