



BIOGRAPHY

Merwan Lomri's multi-jurisdictional career started in 1998 at the Paris office of Shearman & Sterling LLP where he was an international arbitration attorney working on the settlement of high-stake commercial and investment disputes under the auspices of the ICSID and the ICC.

After relocating to the firm's Abu Dhabi and Hong Kong offices, Merwan joined TotalEnergies where he held various legal and business positions, notably as General counsel in Qatar.

Merwan holds degrees in both civil law and common law and handles cases and transactions under the laws of various jurisdictions.

A dual national of Algeria and France, Merwan is a native Arabic and French speaker, also speaking Japanese at a beginner level. Given his education and experience, Merwan is perfectly capable of conducting proceedings in Arabic, French and English.

1. Personal Information

- Merwan Lomri
- Independent Arbitrator
- Algerian, French

2. Experience

- Current Profession: Senior Disputes Manager at TotalEnergies S.E.
- Relevant Experience: Representation of investors in numerous institutional (ICSID, ICC) and *ad hoc* arbitration cases with a marked nexus with Arab States and entities (Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Qatar, United Arab Emirates). In-depth knowledge of the legal and business aspects of energy-related matters, notably in oil & gas, gained through various positions held at TotalEnergies (Senior negotiator, General counsel in Qatar and VP TotalEnergies Libya and East-Mediterranean.)

3. Academic Qualifications and Certifications

- *The University of Hong Kong*
Post-Graduate Diploma in Common Law providing comprehensive courses in the laws of contract, tort, property and trust.
- *Institut de Droit des Affaires, Aix-en Provence*

Post-Graduate Diploma (DESS) in international business law (with honors).

4. Professional Associations

Admitted to the Paris Bar since 2001 (voluntarily suspended).

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WORK EXPERIENCE

TOTALENERGIES S.E.

Sep. 2024–To date

- **Senior Disputes Manager**

The position reports to the Exploration & Production General Counsel and entails the overseeing of international arbitration disputes in which TotalEnergies has a stake.

The duties of the position include the assessment of perceived contentious matters to determine those for which an adversarial option is inevitable, the selection of outside counsels with whom a legal risks analysis is carried out and a strategy is determined, supervising documents, experts and witnesses' management and contributing to the written submissions.

TOTALENERGIES S.E.

Sep. 2021–Aug. 2024

- **VP Libya & East-Mediterranean – Country delegate | Managing Director Total E&P Syrie.**

Based at the Headquarters, the position reports to the Managing Director of TotalEnergies EP in Libya, and extends to Cyprus, Egypt and Lebanon. The role consists in interfacing between the affiliates and the Headquarters in various areas, including the preparation and the submission of budgets, long-term plans and investment decisions, representation and reporting.

NORTH OIL COMPANY (seconded by TotalEnergies)

Sep. 2016–Aug. 2021

- **General Counsel | Board Secretary | Compliance Officer (on secondment).** Appointed by QatarEnergy, the position supervises a team of 5 lawyers, and reports to the CEO of North Oil Company, an operating company jointly owned by TotalEnergies and QatarEnergy, and vested with the operatorship of Al-Shaheen, Qatar's largest oilfield (300 Kbd).

TOTALENERGIES S.E. IN QATAR

Feb. 2012–Aug. 2016

- **Legal & Governance manager.** The position, which reports to the Managing Director and Country chair, oversees all legal matters across the three segments of TotalEnergies that are present in Qatar (Exploration & Production, Refining & Chemicals and Marketing & Services).

TOTALENERGIES S.E.

Feb. 2008–Aug. 2012

- **Senior in-house counsel and negotiator, Upstream Division.** In charge of legal support for all existing assets and new upstream business in Côte d'Ivoire, , Egypt, Libya, Madagascar, and South Sudan. The most significant transactions for which I was responsible include farm-in transactions, joint study and bidding agreement; offshore concession and joint operating agreement, renegotiation of exploration and production sharing agreements, consortium restructuring, technical agreements.

KING & SPALDING LLP

Jun. 2007–Jan. 2008

- **Outside counsel.** Provided legal services to the London office of King & Spalding in the context of an arbitration case under the auspices of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). The dispute related to the expropriation by an Arab country of a European investor's rights in the tourism industry (*Siag & Vecchi v. Egypt*, ICSID Case No. ARB/05/15).

SHEARMAN & STERLING LLP

Nov. 1998–May 2007

- **Outside counsel (Oct. 2005–Apr. 2007).** Provided legal services to the Singapore office of Shearman & Sterling in the context of an arbitral dispute under the auspices of the ICSID. Services included: drafting findings of fact, legal research, and preparation of examination of witnesses (fact witnesses and experts).

- **Associate, Project Development Department (Abu Dhabi: Jan. 2004–Aug. 2005).** Represented clients in negotiating and drafting various contracts in the oil & gas sector pertaining to a major gas field development project in the Gulf area (vessel hiring, casing, cementing, tubing, blow out contingency *etc.*).
- **Associate, Arbitration Department (Paris: Nov. 1998–Dec. 2003).** Represented parties in numerous arbitration proceedings before the ICC and ICSID. Cases included: disputes pertaining to the construction of a major international airport in a Middle Eastern country (*Hochtief-CCC Joint Venture v. Lebanon*), North American investors in the textile industry in an Arab country in ICSID proceedings (*Abmonseto, Inc. and others v. Egypt, ICSID Case No. ARB/02/15*), the expropriation of a European investor's rights in the hospitality sector of a Middle Eastern country (*Wena Hotels Limited v. Egypt, ICSID Case No. ARB/98/4*), the sale of defence-related equipment to an Asian nation and the expropriation of a US investor's rights in a Middle Eastern country's textile businesses (*Champion Trading Company and Ameritrade International, Inc. v. Egypt, ICSID Case No. ARB/02/9*).

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG	2005-2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Graduate Diploma in Common Law providing comprehensive courses in the laws of contract, tort, property and trust. 	
ECOLE DE FORMATION DU BARREAU DE PARIS	1999-2000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Certificat d'Aptitude à la Profession d'Avocat</i> (with distinction). (Admitted to the Paris Bar) 	
INSTITUT DE DROIT DES AFFAIRES, AIX-EN PROVENCE	1995-1996
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Graduate Diploma (<i>DESS</i>) in International Business Law (with honours). 	
FACULTE DE DROIT D'AIX-EN PROVENCE	1994-1995
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maîtrise en droit privé</i>, focusing on private law (with honours). 	

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Arabic, English and French.
Beginner level in Japanese.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Proficient in most forms of desktop publishing.

Interest in geopolitics, history, swimming and cycling.