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Leading lawyers in Run deaths inquest

Some leading barristers will represent the interests of individuals and organisations involved in the Cannonball Run inquest which begins in Darwin today.

Among those to be represented by counsel are the Cannonball Run organisers, the NT Government and the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS).

The coronial inquiry is into the cause and manner of death of the two competitors and two officials who were killed south of Alice Springs on May 24.

They were Japanese driver Akhiro Kabe, 40, his navigator Takeshi Okano, 35, and officials, Territorians Tim Linklater, 22, and Keith Pritchard, 31.

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They died when Mr Kabe's Ferrari F40 slid out of control approaching a checkpoint.

Counsel will also represent the interests of the families of Mr Kabe, Mr Okano and Mr Pritchard.

Sydney barrister Michael Adams QC, with deputy coroner Ray Minahan, will assist Coroner John Lowndes. About 20 witnesses are expected to be called during the inquest, set down for two weeks.

The inquest will be conducted at the Commonwealth Law Courts, the old Supreme Court

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