

Lawyers to star in Run death case



□ Alan Moffat

Lawyers will be a major beneficiary of the Cannonball Run inquest.

At least eight will appear before Coroner John Lowndes when he begins his hearing in Darwin tomorrow morning.

But Sydney-based barrister Michael Adams, QC, and the Territory's own Trevor Riley, QC, are likely to top the bill.

Mr Adams will assist Mr Lowndes and Mr Riley will represent the NT Government.

Mr Adams will in turn be assisted by Ray Minehan and Mr Riley by another NT public service lawyer.

Clients

Supporting lawyers include: Garry Schneider, Peter Barr, Geoff James and David Farquhar.

Their clients include: race organiser Alan Moffat, the Confederation of Australian Motor Sports (CAMS), the family of one of the two dead Territorians

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and the widows of the two Japanese killed in the crash.

A total of 21 witnesses will be called, including senior police and public servants, during the 11-day hearing.

The first two or three days are likely to be devoted to the accident and the causes of death.

Examination of the way in which the Cannonball Run was organised is expected to begin about mid-week.

Tokyo dentist Akihiro Kabe, his navigator Takeshi Okano, and Territorians Keith Pritchard, 31, and Tim Linklater, 22, were killed when the Japanese crashed their Ferrari F40 about 95 kilometres south of Alice Springs during the Cannonball Run in May.

A CAMS examination of the accident has been adjourned until after Mr Lowndes delivers his finding.

The hearing will be held in the old Supreme Court building.

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