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The Chief Justice and his Associate, Anita Del Medico, lead the legal fraternity into the Greek Orthodox Church for the Opening of the Legal Year service. Photo courtesy of the NT News.

Alice to host law meetings

Alice Springs will shed its image of Darwin's poor relation when it hosts three major legal meetings this month. The Law Council of Australia and the Law Societies of Australia will converge on Alice Springs this weekend. Delegates from around the country will attend either or both meetings and the social functions which necessarily accompany such events.

The Law Society of the Northern Territory is host of the biennial Conference of Law Societies.

There is a dinner scheduled for Saturday evening to which local practitioners have been invited to meet their southern counterparts.

The Society will take the opportunity in Alice to promote itself and the Public Purposes Trust, and to co-ordinate Moot Court and Law Week activities in the Centre.

But that's not all that's in store for Alice.

The Australian Institute of Criminology will hold a conference entitled *Aborigines and the Law* the following weekend.

Confusion over Estate Mortgage

Global Funds Management Australia was appointed manager of Estate Mortgage Trusts in October last year. Lyn Standley of Global Australia said the "vast majority" of solicitors were unaware of the appointment which is causing delays in processing claims.

He said there were about 52,000 unit holders, 75 per cent of whom were elderly pensioners.

He said many solicitors were sending probate, death certificates and the like direct to Estate Mortgage in Melbourne, rather than to Global's Syd-

ney office, from where the Estate claims are being administered.

Practitioners requiring more information should contact Global Funds Management International at PO Box 1339 North Sydney, or telephone (02) 9575820.