

# Leading Adelaide lawyer retires

TOP Adelaide lawyer, and managing partner of Duncan Basheer Hannon, Peter Humphries is retiring.

Mr Humphries, who began practising in 1972 in Mt Gambier, is well known for his advocacy for child sex abuse victims.

He said SA was a decade ahead of the rest of Australia regarding claims made against the Anglican Church.

"We had largely resolved sex abuse claims in SA before the Federal Government's royal commission had even started," he said.

"Child sex abuse claims will never end because it's never going to stop, but with the bulk of claims resolved it has really been about victims receiving recognition.

"Working on this has probably been one of the most significant areas of work as it took a long time battling entrenched positions."

He said personal injury law, a main focus for DBH, has undergone significant changes.

"The number of changes over the years impacting on workplace injuries and motor vehicle injuries, in every way, have been to the detriment of the injured person," he said.

"Governments have successfully played down the impact on people's lives and it has been immensely disappointing to see."

Patrick Boylen, who will take over as managing partner at DBH, said it was committed to continuing Mr Humphries' work after 12 years of growth under his leadership.