

JAMES A. PLEISS, D.C., D.A.B.C.O.

CURRICULUM VITAE

BIOGRAPHY

James A. Pleiss, D.C. has been a licensed chiropractor in the State of Hawaii since 1983. He is a board-certified chiropractic orthopedist, one of the few specialties in the chiropractic profession. He has testified as an expert witness in circuit court, arbitrations, and DCD hearings.

Dr. Pleiss has been an examiner for the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Part IV Examination, and Part IV Examination Test Committee from 2012 to 2019 and again from 2021 to present (2025). He is currently serving a four-year term as the chairperson of the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic from July 2020 to December 2025. Participation at this level allows Dr. Pleiss to be up to date with the most current state of the art testing standards and standards of care for chiropractic treatment.

Dr. Pleiss is certified by the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association as an independent chiropractic examiner and has been performing independent chiropractic examinations since 1985.

Dr. Pleiss' experience includes working in a clinical setting and performing independent chiropractic examinations for over 4 years at Maui Occupational Health Center, a multidisciplinary medical clinic that specialized in the treatment and evaluation of injured workers.

Dr. Pleiss has served on the board of directors of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association (HSCA), as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Maui Island Director. In 1994, he was awarded the prestigious "Chiropractor of the Year" award by Governor Ben Cayetano.

Dr. Pleiss has lectured on chiropractic documentation to a number of chiropractic organizations and insurance companies in Hawaii. He also has lectured extensively on the topic of "Understanding and Preventing Back Injuries" to numerous Maui Businesses, Fire Departments, Police Departments, Post Offices, Golf Courses, Hotels, Maui County and State of Hawaii Departments.

Dr. Pleiss is currently active in clinical practice in Wailuku, Maui. He is also engaged in consulting work, performing independent chiropractic examinations, impairment ratings, and records reviews on every major island in the State of Hawaii, including Maui; Honolulu, Oahu; Hilo; Kailua-Kona; and Kauai.

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1983-1996 Clinical Practice: dba Kahului Chiropractic Clinic

1983-84 Lanai Clinic: Staff Chiropractor

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & LICENSING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

2020-2025 Hawaii Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Chairperson.
Appointed by Governor David Ige and confirmed by State
Senate 2020. Term ends June 30, 2024.

2023 National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
Participated as an Examiner in Nov. 2023 for Part IV
Life West College of Chiropractic, Hayward, California.

2022 National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
Participated as an Examiner in Nov. 2022 for Part IV
Life West College of Chiropractic, Hayward, California.

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
Participated as an Examiner in May 2022 for Part IV
Northwestern Health Science University, Bloomington, Minnesota.

2019 National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
Participated in the Part IV Test Committee
Greeley, Colorado, June 2019

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
Participated as an Examiner in May 2019 for Part IV
Palmer West Chiropractic College, San Jose, California

2018 National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
Participated as an Examiner in Nov 2018 for Part IV
Palmer West Chiropractic College, San Jose, California

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
Participated in the Part IV Test Committee
Greeley, Colorado, June 2018

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
Participated as an Examiner in May 2018 for Part IV
Palmer West Chiropractic College, San Jose, California

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2014-2019	Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Vice-Chairperson. Appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie and confirmed by State Senate 2014. Term ended June 30, 2019.
2011-2014	Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Vice-Chairperson. Appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie and confirmed by State Senate 2011
1983-Present	Member of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association
2019-Current	Lifetime Member
2014-2019	Maui Island Director
2007-2014	Immediate Past President
2005-2007	President
2012-14	Maui Island Director
2003-05	Maui Island Director
1998-99	Vice-President
1994-95	Immediate Past President
1993-94	President
1992-93	Vice-President
1991-92	Treasurer
1988-91	Assistant Vice-President (Maui)
1997-2012	Provider for American Specialty Health Network
2015-present	
1995-2012	Provider for ChiroPlan Hawaii, Maui Representative
2015-present	
1991	Member Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists
1988-93, 2005	Clinical Sciences Faculty Northwestern Health Sciences University
1983-91	Member of the Maui County Chiropractic Society
1984-88	Secretary/Treasurer
1988-91	President
1983-2005	Hawaii State Alumni Representative for Northwestern College of Chiropractic
1979-2008	Member of the American Chiropractic Association

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2013	In-service: First Insurance Company of Hawaii Chiropractic 101	Honolulu
2010	Topic: "Clinical Documentation" ChiroPlan Conference	Honolulu
2009	Topics: "Clinical Documentation" and "Clinical Documentation in Workers' Compensation" ChiroPlan Conference	Honolulu
2006	Topic: "Clinical Documentation in Workers' Compensation, Motor Vehicle Insurance and General Practice" Hawaii State Chiropractic Association Documentation Seminar	Honolulu
2001	Faculty, Court Annexed Arbitration Program (CAAP) Sponsored by Pacific Law Institute	Maui
1994	Faculty, Court Annexed Arbitration Program (CAAP) Sponsored by Pacific Law Institute	Maui
1993	Faculty, Court Annexed Arbitration Program (CAAP) Sponsored by Pacific Law Institute	Kauai
1993	Faculty, Court Annexed Arbitration Program (CAAP) Sponsored by Pacific Law Institute	Maui

ACHIEVEMENTS

1994	Chiropractor of the Year Award, Hawaii State Chiropractic Association
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