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Charles Momah, 51, a former obstetrician and gynecologist with clinics in Burien and Federal Way, was convicted in 2005 of raping and taking indecent liberties with four clients.

Former patients claimed he made passes at them, gave them prescriptions for drugs in exchange for sexual contact and used a vaginal ultrasound device in a sexual manner.

He is now serving a 20-year sentence at the correctional facility in Monroe.

Attorney Harish Bharti, who represented the women during the nearly month long civil trial at the Regional Justice Center in Kent, said the remaining civil cases he's filed on behalf of dozens of other former Momah patients have been resolved.

Also on Tuesday, an appeals court denied Momah's appeal of his criminal conviction.

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