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District Court of Appeal of Florida,Third District.  
HIGHLANDS INSURANCE COMPANY, Appel-

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v.

Morris KRAVECAS, Appellee.

**No. 3D99-1656.**

March 1, 2000.

An Appeal from the Circuit Court for Dade County,  
[Thomas S. Wilson, Jr.](#), Judge.

Parenti, Falk, Waas, Hernandez & Cortina and [Gail Leverett Parenti](#), Coral Gables, for appellant.  
Ress, Mintz & Truppman; [Lauri Waldman Ross](#) and [Teresa L. Girten](#), Miami, for appellee.

Before [SCHWARTZ](#), C.J., and [GODERICH](#) and [RAMIREZ](#), JJ.

PER CURIAM.

Although we find no abuse of discretion in the determinations of the time appropriately expended by the plaintiff's attorney and his hourly rate, we conclude that there is no basis for the 2.0 multiplier applied by the trial court. See [Standard Guar. Ins. Co. v. Quanstrom](#), 555 So.2d 828 (Fla.1990); [Gonzalez v. Veloso](#), 731 So.2d 63 (Fla. 3d DCA 1999); [Simmons v. Royal Floral Distributors, Inc.](#), 724 So.2d 99 (Fla. 4th DCA 1998); \*764 [Askowitz v. Susan Feuer Interior Design, Inc.](#), 563 So.2d 752 (Fla. 3d DCA 1990), review denied, [576 So.2d 292 \(Fla.1991\)](#).

Accordingly, the cause is remanded with directions to make an award of one-half of the present judgment for attorney's fees.

[GODERICH](#) and [RAMIREZ](#), JJ., concur.

[SCHWARTZ](#), Chief Judge (dissenting in part).

I believe that the trial court grossly overassessed the number of hours reasonably required in the conduct of the action, see [Miller v. First American Bank and Trust](#), 607 So.2d 483 (Fla. 4th DCA 1992), and would therefore also reverse that conclusion.