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

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lant,

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 de-
terminations of the time appropriately expended by
the plaintiff's attorney and his hourly rate, we con-
clude that there is no basis for the 2.0 multiplier ap-
plied by the trial court. See [Standard Guar. Ins. Co.
v. Quanstrom](#), 555 So.2d 828 (Fla.1990); [Gonzalez v.
Velo](#), 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 Interi-
or 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.