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**Laurence S. Field\*** (laurie@math.uchicago.edu) and **Gregory F. Lawler**. *Escape probability and transience for SLE.*

We give estimates for the probability that a chordal, radial or two-sided radial  $SLE_\kappa$  curve retreats far from its terminal point after coming close to it, for  $\kappa \leq 4$ . The estimates are uniform over all initial segments of the curve, and are sharp up to a universal constant. The proofs involve several new estimates concerning the Brownian excursion measure. (Received January 19, 2015)