

**§ 28B-3. Notice; hearing; guardian ad litem.**

(a) Notice of the hearing on the complaint to appoint a receiver shall be given to all persons named in the petition by registered mail or certified mail with return receipt requested.

(b) The judge shall hear evidence on the questions of whether the person alleged to be missing or captured is an absentee in military service as defined by G.S. 28B-1, on the question of the necessity for the appointment of a receiver, and on the question of who is entitled to appointment as the receiver.

(c) The court may in its discretion appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the alleged absentee in military service at the hearing. (1973, c. 522, s. 3.)