

**1 Rule 22. Interpleader**

2 A person having a claim against the plaintiff may be joined as a defendant and required  
3 to interplead when the claim is such that the plaintiff is or may be exposed to double or  
4 multiple liability, so long as the claim is a claim over which the court has jurisdiction. It  
5 is not ground for objecting to the joinder that the claims of the several claimants or the  
6 titles on which their claims depend do not have a common origin or are not identical but  
7 are adverse to and independent of one another, or that the plaintiff avers that the plaintiff  
8 is not liable in whole or in part to any or all of the claimants. A defendant exposed to  
9 similar liability may obtain such interpleader by way of cross-claim or counterclaim. The  
10 provisions of this rule supplement and do not in any way limit the joinder of parties  
11 permitted in Rule 20.